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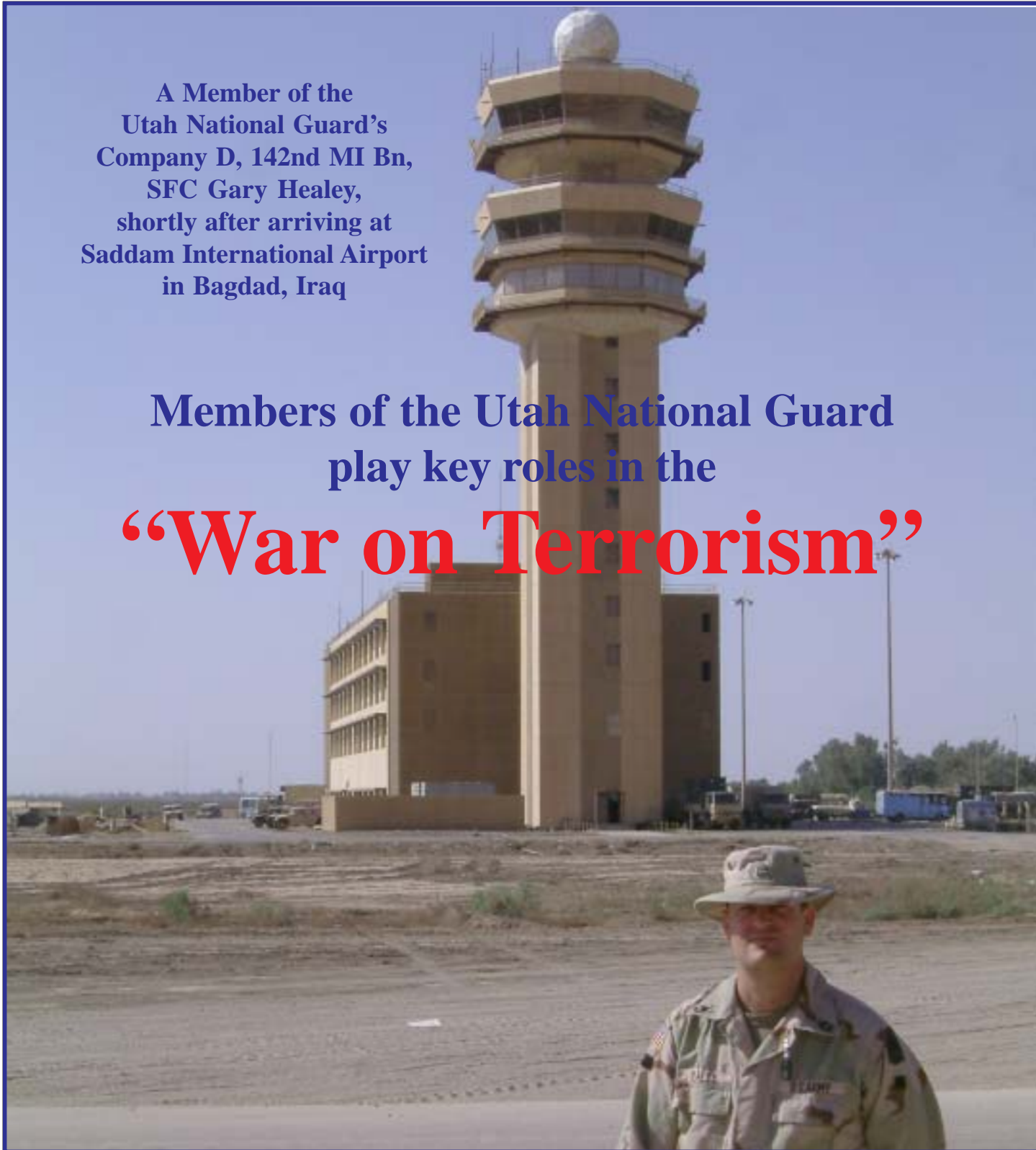
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A Member of the
Utah National Guard's
Company D, 142nd MI Bn,
SFC Gary Healey,
shortly after arriving at
Saddam International Airport
in Bagdad, Iraq

Members of the Utah National Guard
play key roles in the
“War on Terrorism”





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TAG's Corner

Since my last article in the Utah Minuteman we have seen the fall of Iraq into the hands of Coalition Forces. Members of the Utah Army and Air National Guard have been instrumental in Operation Iraqi Freedom as well as all operations against the Global War on Terrorism. Utah National Guard continues to lead the Nation in deployments both CONUS and OCONUS. I again want to commend you for your commitment to this State and Nation.

I recently returned from a trip to Kuwait, Qatar, and Iraq. I was able to see first hand the great efforts our soldiers are making. Soldiers of 141st and 142nd MI Battalions have contributed significantly to the intelligence effort in Iraq. The Soldiers of the 1457th Eng Battalion have distinguished themselves in their mission of security and re-construction of Baghdad. The 489th Eng Detachment continues to provide critical support in Kuwait.

The Air Guard has provided outstanding support in many operations. 151st Refueling Wing is currently supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom with air refueling. The 151st Civil Engineers recently returned home from their successful deployment. The 151st Security Forces Squadron recently returned home as well from their security mission in Saudi Arabia. The 169th Intelligence Squadron is commended for their service in both Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

On the home front, I want to commend 1st Bn 145th Field Artillery for its successful mission at Tooele Army Depot, and the Defense Chemical Depot. I want to welcome all of you



photo by State Staff

Major General Brian L. Tarbet, The Adjutant General of Utah

home and say a job well done. The 2nd Battalion 222nd Field Artillery will be returning home in September after its mission to the ROTC command at Ft Lewis. Both battalions were ready to support these uniquely different missions. To our soldiers securing the Salt Lake Air Base, I also thank you for your dedicated service.

For our units at home, I want to reiterate the importance of maintaining your readiness. Now is the time to continue with your strength management programs. I encourage all of you to emphasize recruiting in your units. We

must continue our focus on training and preparation for any mission whether it is Homeland Defense or a Wartime mission.

To our families, I want to thank you for your sacrifice and service to our State and Nation. I recognize the challenges you face as your loved ones serve in these challenging times. It is my desire to see all of our families cared for and assisted in their needs.

Thank you all for your service. My thoughts and best wishes are with all of you and your families as we continue to in this fight.

Top Army Enlisted Comments



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Dell K. Smith, Command Sergeant Major of the Utah Army National Guard

With the large number of deployments we continue to experience, it is a constant reminder to me of the quality and dedication of the men and women who serve in the Utah National Guard. It is important that we continue to train to the standard and be vigilant and alert to our surroundings. I talk quite often with the senior leaders who are leading our soldiers both over seas and state side. Our soldiers are constantly concerned for the welfare and safety of our soldiers. They are doing an outstanding job, some of them under very trying circumstances.

My number one concern is always the welfare and safety of our soldiers and their families. I recently visited

armories around the state and was very impressed with the work that is being done in our family assistance centers by the family assistance volunteers. Many volunteers donate hundreds of hours each month to make sure that the needs of families are being taken care of. My thanks and appreciation to those who work in the family assistance area and for the concern they show for families.

I desire that every soldier and their family be concerned with safety -- always take preventative measures to minimize the possibility of an injury or mishap. Never get into your vehicle without putting on your seat belt. The number one reason we lose soldiers and

family members is vehicle accidents. Drive defensively, slow down, and don't be an aggressive driver. Also, when you get low on fuel follow these simple refueling guidelines: Turn off engine, don't smoke, don't use your cell phone - leave it inside the vehicle or turn it off (cell phones can ignite the fumes), and don't re-enter your vehicle during fueling. Following these guidelines could save you money, prevent an accident or injury, and possibly save lives.

On a different note, I would like to congratulate the following soldiers who recently graduated from the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy: CSM James Slade, 115th Engineer Battalion; SGM Todd Bennett, HQ Utah STARC; SGM Joe Spencer, HQ Utah STARC; SGM Ross Low, HQ Utah STARC; SGM Karl Shuler, HHB I Corps Artillery; SGM Robert McPherson, 640th RTI; 1SG Rae Lynn Oman, 640th RTI; MSG Cheryl Fowler, HQ Utah STARC; MSG John Duncan, HHB I Corps Artillery; MSG Art Olson, HQ Utah STARC; MSG Carl Banks, Army Garrison Camp Williams; and MSG Kenneth Lee, HHC 211th Aviation Group. I would also like to express my appreciation to SPC Scott Campbell, 640th RTI, and SFC Andrew S Evans, 640th RTI, who represented the Utah National Guard at the Fifth Army Soldier of the Year and NCO of the Year Boards. Both soldiers represented us well and did an outstanding job.

I desire to extend my thanks and appreciation to all of our soldiers and families who sacrifice so much for our organization and country. It is a privilege to be associated with you and be able to serve with you.

Wing Performs Round Robin

By Lt. Col. David Thomas

The 151st Air Refueling Wing's support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom has been almost non-stop since February.

Operations, maintenance and support personnel have deployed, redeployed and deployed again to the Azores and Bangor, Maine. To return home finally in June. In addition, Ser-

vices, Civil Engineers and Security Forces returned from the Middle East to trade places with other Air Guard members.

The constant presence the Wing maintained at both locations has taken a toll on both personnel and aircraft.

Unit members spent a few days at home and were then on the road again for another 30 to 45 days.

With over 350 members from the 151st activated for the conflict, many deployed overseas, the optempo put a strain on Guard members and their families. In spite of the pressure of the activations and deployments, everyone, including the family members, seemed to hold up well.



Family and friends cheer as several members of a deployed contingent of the 151st Air Refueling Wing return home following their initial assignment of refueling aircraft as part of an air bridge to move personnel and equipment into the Operation Iraqi Freedom theater. The Guardsmembers anticipate further deployment in support of the war effort

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Burke Baker

What types of activities have Utah National Guard personnel been involved in since deployment?



Photo provided by 141st MI Bn

Members of the 141st Military Intelligence Battalion, Utah National Guard, in their counterintelligence role in Umm Qasr, Iraq

141st MI personnel prove useful in Umm Qasr, Iraq

In early July 2003, an M-203 grenade launcher was stolen from a military police soldier living in an area at the port of Umm Qasr. As part of

the ensuing investigation, the 141st Counterintelligence (CI) Agents were asked to do everything within their power to help locate and recover the stolen weapon. This CI team contacted their sources in the city and asked them to find out where the weapon was and

who had stolen it. Within 72 hours, sources had located the weapon, identified the thief, and the CI team returned the weapon to the soldier who had lost it. Both the soldier and his first-line leader shed tears of relief to see the weapon returned.

Operation Iraqi Freedom: A Roller Coaster Worth Riding

By Maj. Derek Tolman, 142nd MI Bn Exec. Officer

Since being mobilized on January 24, 2003, the 142nd Military Intelligence Linguist Battalion, under the leadership of Lt. Col. Edward Gundersen and CSM Robert Johnson, has been on a ride that could rival the roller coasters of any theme park in America. Over the course of the deployment, the Battalion has been under the operational control of six different organizations, from the 1st Mob Brigade at Ft. Carson, Colorado, to our current mission under the Iraq Survey Group.

Just less than a week after being alerted, we found ourselves at Ft. Carson completing all of our validation requirements and preparing to deploy to Turkey. At that point, the Battalion's mission was to establish a Joint Interrogation Facility in Northern Iraq in the 4th Infantry Division's area of operations. We remained at Ft. Carson in a training status anxiously waiting as Turkey debated the issue of whether to allow U.S. conventional forces into their country. In the end, Turkey chose to refuse passage to U.S. forces, placing



Photos provided by 142nd MI Bn

Sgts. First Class Johnson, Healey, and Cornell, of the 142nd MI Bn, in sandstorm at Udairi, Kuwait, waiting for mission to move into Iraq

the Battalion's future in a loop of uncertainty. In early March, a group of 28 soldiers from the Battalion went down a different track to provide language and interrogation support to the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne). This detachment deployed to Central Europe. Part of the group eventually moved into Northern Iraq. This group later rejoined the main body in Baghdad.

As April approached, Forces Command informed us that the Battalion's main body would deploy through Kuwait and support the 513th MI Brigade, the Battalion's traditional WARTRACE unit. The first week of April, we finally departed Ft. Carson, arrived in Kuwait, and moved quickly to Camp Udairi near the Iraqi border. We expected that the 513th MI Brigade would either assign our Battalion to their interrogation facility or that they would have us establish a separate facility in Southern Iraq. Upon arriving to Camp Udairi, we were amazed to see a long line of military intelligence units and personnel that had not yet been utilized.

Fortunately, by mid April we received a request from the Coalition Forces Land Component Command (CFLCC) Future Operations cell to provide a list of our capabilities to which we promptly replied. Soon after, we were released from the 513th MI Brigade and placed under the operational control of the 75th Exploitation Task Force (XTF). The



Members of the 142nd MI Bn resting during convoy movement



Members of the 142nd MI Bn at a refueling stop on their movement to Bagdad

75th XTF was tasked at the beginning of the war to manage sensitive-site exploitation with the focus on finding weapons of mass destruction. The Battalion was assigned to provide language, Human Intelligence, and security support to the Site Survey Teams and Mobile Exploitation Teams. Despite being way outside our traditional role, our soldiers provided tremendous support to the more than 300 sensitive sites exploited by the 75th XTF. Additionally, the Battalion was asked to help transition the 75th XTF to the Iraq Survey Group (ISG).

The Iraq Survey Group was organized by the Secretary of Defense in an effort to combine the intelligence activities of various collection operations in Iraq under one national-level headquarters. The ISG is comprised of nearly 1,500 personnel from the U.S. military, other U.S. government agencies, the United Kingdom, and Australia. The ISG headquarters is located in Baghdad at Camp Slayer, a former Presidential Palace of Saddam Hussein, near Baghdad International Airport. The ISG's main focus is to continue the search for and eliminate weapons of

mass destruction. In addition, the ISG is also focusing on war crimes, links to terrorism, information on POW/MIA issues, crimes against humanity, and other activities related to Saddam's regime.

Under the Iraq Survey Group, 142nd soldiers are on the cutting edge of intelligence operations in Iraq and making a big difference. Most of the members of our battalion are now fully engaged in supporting the ISG's intelligence priorities by providing support to the collection teams,

document exploitation, counterintelligence, report writing, interrogations, and a variety of staff and support functions. The Battalion is spread across six locations in three countries: Iraq, Kuwait, and Qatar. One aspect that can't be overlooked is the work our soldiers serving in support roles have accomplished. They have supported the ISG with convoy operations, training, administrative support, and every extra duty imaginable. They have maintained our vehicles, provided our food and rations, and kept us well supplied and organized. They have been proactive and innovative in improving the working and living conditions of their fellow soldiers. This is definitely a live and learn environment. Many of our soldiers have been called upon to perform tasks for which they had never before been trained. Their maturity, education, talents, and depth of character have prevailed and allowed them to perform their missions above and beyond the call of duty.



Sgt. Schwen of the 142nd MI Bn providing security during movement

Photos provided by 142nd MI Bn

One example of how 142nd soldiers' efforts are making a difference relates to the recent deaths of Udai and Qusai Hussein. Several weeks ago, members of the 142nd Battalion along with a 141st MI Battalion officer, took part in a mission that involved taking custody of the medical and dental records of the Hussein family. These records proved invaluable in verifying that the two men killed were in fact Udai and Qusai. As more and more intelligence information is gathered and processed, our soldiers will continue to play a significant role in helping the ISG piece together the complex jigsaw puzzle of Saddam's regime.

As we have traveled through much of Baghdad and the surrounding areas, we have witnessed the results of "Shock and Awe," grateful that unnecessary damage and loss of life were minimized due to such precision targeting. We have seen statues and pictures of Saddam literally defaced. We have seen many of the palaces and monuments symbolic of Saddam's pride, arrogance, and complete disregard for the well being of the Iraqi



Sgt. 1st Class Eric Anderson of the 142nd MI Bn while performing duty in Baghdad

people. Regardless of what is discovered, we are glad to see this evil regime gone. The vast majority of the people have greeted us warmly. This is especially true of the children giving us a positive reflection of what their parents, who are not always as open in public, think of us.

All the twists and turns and loops inherent to any armed conflict have

brought the 142nd MI Battalion to service in the center of intelligence operations under the Iraq Survey Group. In the end, the soldiers of this Battalion will have made many significant contributions to the ongoing efforts to bring peace, stability, and greater freedom to the people of Iraq.

Perhaps the greatest success of this deployment will be the personal growth experienced by members of the Battalion. We have all gained a much deeper appreciation for family, loved ones, and the blessings of freedom, which has more than made it worth the ride. As a battalion, we express our heartfelt appreciation to our families and loved ones for their support and sacrifice. We are proud to represent our country, our families, and the Utah National Guard.

After we finish riding this roller coaster, most of us will be headed to Anaheim, California, with our families to ride another roller coaster. Until then, we'll keep our seatbelts tightly fastened and our hands and feet inside the HMMWV at all times.



Spec. Campbell, HHC 142nd MI Bn driving a HMMWV in Baghdad

You say “good-bye,” I say “hello”

*Deployments for the Utah Air National Guard continue
as Operation Iraqi Freedom marches on*



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech Sgt. Burke Baker

Staff Sgt. Bill Hall, of the 130th EIS, hugs his daughter as he prepares to depart for Iraq. He will be deployed for six to seven months.

By 2nd Lt. Maren P. Barney

Keeping track of the comings and goings of the Utah Air National Guard could be a full-time job in itself.

Within the last few months alone, the Utah Air National Guard experienced numerous departures to the Middle East and Europe, while welcoming home deployed Guard members, all in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

On June 5, four Fuels personnel

deployed to the Middle East to conduct a classified mission.

“We go where we’re needed and right now we’re needed in the Middle East,” said Col. Brent Winget, 151st Air Refueling Wing commander.

The Fuels’ primary day-to-day mission is to “put gas on planes.” Their stay in the Middle East is scheduled to be between 90 and 179 days.

The rest of the deployed 151st

Civil Engineers team came home June 6. About 45 members of this unit deployed overseas in mid-March to take part in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

“The disruption of their family life and employment created upheaval for them, but they were called, so they went,” said Winget, “What they did is the job they volunteered to do.”

“This was our first large activation in recent history and we learned quite a

bit,” said Lt. Col. Leon Jones, 151st CES commander. “Most of the troops are looking forward to future missions.”

June 11 welcomed the long-awaited return of about ten 151st Security Forces Squadron personnel from Saudi. The Guard members left before Christmas, and were some of the last to leave Prince Sultan Air Base. While in Saudi, they provided security around the base including the flight line and ammo storage areas. This deployment is an example of the work the Security Forces have done during their activation.

“They stepped up in time of crisis and used the training that they’ve been doing for years and years,” said Chief Ron Baarz, 151st SFS chief.

“We continue to stand ready at a moment’s notice, to serve and do our duty,” continued Baarz. “As the last two years have shown, ‘We do it all.’”



The moment of homecoming has finally arrived for the 151 SFS members who had been deployed since December 2002

About ten cable/electronics team members from the 130th Engineering Installation Squadron went to Iraq June 10. Their primary OIF mission is to install permanent fiber optic networks for the air traffic control and the runway approach control systems, but they are also assisting with the development of the growing military communications system.

Their stay in Iraq is estimated to be between six and seven months.

“Our team members are highly motivated, prepared and anxious to use their expertise in helping this massive project move forward,” said Major Jack Wall, 130 EIS commander.

By the second week of July, the remaining deployed



Family members and friends of the 151st SFS anxiously await their arrival at the Salt Lake International Airport

members from the 169th Intelligence Squadron returned to Salt Lake from their various deployed locations around the globe, including CENTCOM. Since the end of December, members of the 169th have supported OEF and OIF missions on deployments ranging from 30 days to four-month deployments.

“During the past two years the 169th IS has proven to the world that they were ready, willing and able to go to war,” said Lt. Col. William G. Siddoway, 169th IS commander. “Their dedication, patriotism and ‘duty before self’ attitude was second to none. I will go to war with these superb warriors anytime and any place.”



Members of the Fuels section of the 151st ARW prepare to deploy to Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Michael D. Evans

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Michael D. Evans

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Burke Baker

The 1457th Engineer Battalion Deploys to Iraq



Photos provided by 1457th Engr Bn

1457th ECB loader and dump at Saddam bombing excavation site in the Mansur District of downtown Baghdad

By Sgt. 1st Class James D. Ross, 1457th Eng Bn

Members of the Utah National Guard's 1457th Engineer Combat Battalion received mobilization orders on February 10, 2003. After training and validation at Ft. Lewis, Washington, the unit deployed as part of "Task Force Baghdad." Upon arrival in theater, the 1457th was assigned Operational Control to the 1st Armored Division's Engineer Brigade.

The Engineer Brigade welcomed the 1457th into the division and immediately began assigning them missions. The highest priority mission was the excavation of a bombed out building where the remains of Saddam Hussein were thought to be located. It was a battalion effort involving thirty-two 5-ton dumps trucks, two 2 1/2 yard loaders, and one D-7 bulldozer. Sixty-four combat engineers and ten equipment operators worked 24-hour-a-day operations at the excavation site. Debris was hauled approximately 14 kilometers to a "sift site" for processing. Forensic experts used a 2 1/2 yard loader, and SEE tractor to

spread removed debris for examination. Working under combat conditions the Battalion moved an average of 398 cubic yards of material a day from the excavation site to the sift site.

Conducting operations 24 hours a day under tight security, engineer leadership was challenged by the difficult navigation of heavy equipment through crowded and often unsettled streets. Equipment maintenance and soldier sleep and rest plans also proved challenging. During the operation, the 2nd Brigade Combat Team of the 1st Armored Division provided security, while the 93rd Chemical Company and 18th MP Brigade provided convoy escorts.

The excavation process took 5 days of 24-hour operations to complete. During the removal operations 1,992 cubic yards of material were removed with 498 dump truck loads for processing. Members of the Battalion then assisted the CID/Forensics Team to spread and sift the material for human remains over an

additional 7-day period. This mission was directed and over watched at the highest levels to ensure professionalism and precision.

Lessons learned from this mission include: Keep convoys small (10 vehicles or less when moving through urban areas). Ensure that soldiers on the ground have some basic skills and rules of engagement for dealing with the media. We were overwhelmed with National and International media throughout the entire project. The use of a Battalion TAC Command Post was indispensable in keeping solid command and control for a high profile mission that was isolated from the Battalion's Main Command Post. The use of the smaller 5-ton dump truck provided outstanding mobility in built up areas. The 5-ton dump has a more durable bed than the 20-ton dump, and though its smaller payload required more trips, they handled the job of heavy rubble removal without damage to the truck bed.



Removing Iraqi artillery from Baghdad Zoo

A Day at the Zoo is no Picnic for Utah Engineers

By SFC James D. Ross, 1457th Engr. Bn.



A member of the 1457th Engr. Bn. standing guard at the front gate of the Baghdad Zoo

The zoo normally brings visions of smiling kids, cotton candy and balloons. The soldiers of Company C, 1457th Engineer Combat Battalion, found none of these when they were ordered to the Baghdad Zoo. Their mission was to remove Iraqi artillery pieces and destroyed vehicles left on the zoo grounds from the war. Iraqi military forces moved onto the zoo grounds shortly before Americans invaded Baghdad, according to zoo employees, who have continued their work. Iraqi soldiers dug defensive positions, emplaced sandbags and brought in over a dozen artillery pieces onto the zoo grounds hoping to find a safe haven from American air strikes.

Company C, whose armories are in Spanish Fork and Blanding, Utah, have stayed busy since moving into Iraq. After assisting with the highly publicized mission to dig for Saddam's remains, Company C continues to show why Utah Guardsmembers can handle any task. Staff Sergeant Benjamin Van Zant of American Fork, who has been overseeing the project, says, "We have been very lucky. We're getting missions

that are challenging yet exciting. I can't really complain."

Once military ordnance specialists determined that the artillery pieces were safe to move, the 1457th began the task of loading and moving them. Using heavy equipment and tractor-trailers, the Engineers loaded and hauled the big guns and vehicle carcasses across Baghdad to a giant junkyard many miles away. Moving the large semi trailers through narrow and winding streets is a complex task, especially in a war-torn city of over 5 million residents. The pace of the capital city is lively and soldiers must pay careful attention to their surroundings. Civilian vehicles switch lanes without notice, trying to move in and out of the convoys. The streets are filled with people, scampering about doing their daily business. Some people try to sell trinkets to the soldiers as they drive by. Some people try to beg food and water and others just simply stare at the Americans. The mission of the Utah Engineers is to help restore basic services to Baghdad citizens, and bring peace to the city.

The Baghdad Zoo, located a few blocks from the Tigris River, opened around 1970. About nine months before the war, the zoo was closed to the public. A new and modern addition was added, including playgrounds, gardens and water attractions. The grand opening was scheduled for Saddam Hussein's birthday but the war forced plans to change. Most of the citizens of Baghdad have not had a chance to see the new grounds. Utah Guardsmembers are helping to make the zoo a reality again.

After the war, looters and poachers depleted the zoo's main attraction, the

animals. Once boasting over six hundred animals, the zoo was left with around ten. Sergeant Nelson Charles of Blanding, Utah, was one of the soldiers providing security for the Equipment Section that was cleaning the site. He was amazed at how few animals were left. "I really expected to see more than what is here" he said, "It's very strange and sad to see this." Among the animals left were the famous lions that Saddam was rumored to feed his prisoners to and an Alaskan Brown Bear. When looters freed the bear, it killed two men before it could be put back in the cage. "After all" said Lieutenant Colonel Jefferson Burton, the Battalion Commander, "the animals were mistreated and starving".

The 1457th Engineer Battalion has done many projects to help the citizens of Utah and now they are helping the citizens of Iraq. While they are humble and say it's just another day at work, they can't hide a sense of pride that has become a trademark for the Utah Engineers. Soon there will be animals here again and the smiles from children as the zoo looks forward to opening in the coming months. It's one more thing that will help the Iraqi people enjoy a better quality of life. It's one more thing that was made possible by the Utah Army National Guard.



Iraqi 122mm Artillery piece left on zoo grounds during the war.

130th EIS Meets Global Demands

By Tech. Sgt. Christopher B. Benson

Life in the 130th is as busy as ever. The high demand of the 130th's capabilities of engineering and installation of communication services to support Operation Enduring Freedom has called on the unit members and their families more than ever.

The 130th has continued to support Operation Enduring Freedom through many different types of unit capabilities. The 130th initially activated an Engineering Installation (EI) Small Management Team, EI C4I Engineering Records Team, and two EI C4 Initial Communication Engineering Teams. The teams were activated just after the 9-11 attacks. These teams deployed to various locations in the Southwest Asia and European areas of operations.

They were instrumental in the design and construction of critical command, control, communication and computer infrastructure systems.

The 130th also activated an EI Cable team and an EI Secure Communication Systems team—the only one in the Air National Guard. These teams also have been deployed to various locations in the Southwest Asia area of operations and have supported the homeland security mission at Nellis AFB, Nevada. Both of these teams have been deployed and re-deployed.

With the increase in operations tempo and activations, the 130th stands ready to deploy additional teams if called upon.

The members of the 130th are an outstanding bunch. The attitudes and professionalism of the unit members remain at a high level of readiness and eagerness to serve the United States Air Force and the Air National Guard.



Photo courtesy of 130th EIS

Installation of 75-foot radio tower at Papago, Arizona, for the Arizona Air National Guard.



Photo courtesy of 130th EIS

EI Cable Team in Southwest Asia in front of communication radar site. 2nd row (L to R standing): Staff Sgts. Dale Moravec and Dave Gally, Tech. Sgt. Greg Taylor, Senior Airman Jake Bryan, Senior Master Sgt. Ron Messinger, 1st row: Tech. Sgt. Clark Healy, Master Sgt. Craig Gull, Staff Sgt. Chris Anderson.

School sends letters of thanks



A 4th-grade class at Elk Ridge Middle School join together in thanking the men and women of the Utah Air National Guard for their service to America. Her four classes sent approximately 120 letters to the UTANG wishing them well.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Keith Campbell

Army Guard Called to Help with Base Security

By Airman 1st Class Ben Nichols

For the next two years Air National Guard personnel may notice a different uniform waving them through the gate and manning the flight line security checkpoints.

On Feb. 11, the Utah Army National Guard was mobilized to help with additional security on the base.

Thirty-two members, including one captain and a first sergeant, of the 1st Battalion, 145th Field Artillery will help the 151st Security Forces Squadron until December 2003. At that point another group will cycle through. It will be a two-year deployment for the Army.

The Department of Defense activated the Army National Guard to relieve the over-tasked security forces who are in their second year of mobilization.

"The Army is loving it," said M Sgt. Sally Westover, first sergeant for the 151st SFS.

"They will provide basic security, but will not perform certain duties such as writing tickets, [being] desk sergeants, or investigations," said Westover.

Westover said the military agreed at the Pentagon level to get the Army more involved with the war on terrorism.

One way of accomplishing that was to let them help with Air Force base security. Task Force Armored Falcon is the Army organization tasked with the base security role.

The 1-145th FA, headquartered in Tooele, was spread out among five bases including: Utah Air National Guard Base, Nellis Air Force Base, Hill Air Force Base, Channel Islands Guard Base, and one other base in California.

"We are very glad they're here," said Westover. "We are learning from them and they are learning from us."



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Keith Campbell

Specialist Jeremiah Ashley of the 1/145th D Battery, Utah Army National Guard, checks the identification of a car coming on to the Utah Air National Guard base.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Sterling Poulsen

Gen. Lunt pins new State HR Chief

Tami Kadis pins the rank of Chief Master Sgt. on her husband Jonathan Kadis, with the help of Brig. Gen. Larry V. Lunt. Kadis is the Utah Air National Guard Human Resources Chief.

1st Battalion, 145th Field Artillery Returns Home

By 2nd Lt. Lee Kelley



Photos by 145th FA

145th Soldiers provide overwatch for Operation Noble Eagle

When the United States declared war on Mexico, the Nauvoo Legion became the Mormon Battalion, and marched 2,000 miles to fulfill their duty. This Battalion is the ancestor of 1st Battalion, 145th Field Artillery, Utah Army National Guard. The 145th's heritage also includes the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, the Korean conflict, and now the War on Terrorism. In the wake of 9-11, when the call came to defend the state and the nation, the 145th was ready. The Battalion became Task Force 1-145, under the command of Lt. Col. Michael Barrera.

Four hundred members of the 145th have recently completed a one-year mobilization. The soldiers of the 145th were trained and prepared for one year of active duty service, but the time has come to return to their civilian lives. The Battalion was federalized on August 1, 2002. In late June 2003 the soldiers returned to the Mobilization Station at Fort Carson, Colorado, to de-mobilize. By August 2003, its members were either back to their civilian jobs, or employed by the Utah Army National Guard full-time.

The hard work and dedication the 145th gave to the cause of Homeland

Security are best demonstrated by the labor of the enlisted soldiers. "They did an outstanding job of supporting Operation Noble Eagle," said Barrera of his soldiers. They built both fortified fighting positions and vehicle positions, covering all of the key terrain on both Tooele Army Depot and Dugway Proving Grounds. There is a stark contrast between the conditions the 145th found, and what they left.

Every Army unit is tasked to complete the army adage of position improvement, and that's exactly what the 145th did. They improved the existing fighting positions by insulating, painting, and reinforcing them. They used close to 10,000 sandbags. The

results were more comfortable and durable positions with an extensive field of vision. The finished fighting positions provided the soldiers some measure of relief from the harsh desert environment. When asked about the work that went into the fighting positions, Cpl. Clinton Osborn said, "We worked really hard building them, but the improvements could not have been better, ... and they even had heat."

Many gaps in the fabric of Utah's communities will be mended now that the 145th is home. Armories that have been empty will again be filled. Represented in the Battalion are some of Utah's farmers, ranchers, highway patrolmen, stockbrokers, schoolteachers, chiropractors, and law enforcement officers. There are also truck drivers, financial planners, computer technicians, college students, fathers, sons, and brothers. The communities of Salt Lake, Fillmore, Spanish Fork, Ogden, Riverton, Manti, and others are happy to be reunited with their citizen-soldiers.

The 145th received their orders and executed the mission in a way that makes all of Utah proud. "We all knew



The 145th filling sandbags for site protection

the leadership was constantly trying to improve our situation, and I think that helped morale,” said Cpl. Osborn. Soldier care is at the heart of this great battalion; it is evident in the progress they achieved, and the morale of the soldiers, while completing the overall mission with great success. All those who guard these desert compounds in the future will have the 145th to thank.

Finally, we must honor our fallen comrades. Though the 145th epitomizes professionalism and safety, tragedy occurs. Two members of the Battalion lost their lives during the 10 month tour of duty. Sergeant Ryan D. Stark, a Fire Direction Specialist, was the son of the 145th's S-3, MAJ Brent Stark, and Pvt. Ammon Neilson transferred from the Washington National Guard just to

deploy with the 145th. We will not forget them, and we send our collective thoughts and prayers to their families and loved ones.

These two soldiers, along with the rest of the mighty 145th Field Artillery, did a great service to the War on Terrorism. They are true patriots, highly professional soldiers, and salutes are called for all around.

I Corps Artillery Helps Shape the Future of Combat

By 2nd Lt. Lee Kelley

The I Corps Artillery made the transition into the new Utah National Guard Readiness Center at Camp Williams, and continues to be a leader in the implementation of digital technology for combat simulation. The Corps recently went to Fort Lewis for the Warfighter, a combat simulation exercise conducted at the corps, division and brigade level. These higher echelon units set up a tactical operations center (TOC), and managed the maneuver forces on the battlefield from there. Most units still use traditional paper maps and acetate overlays in their TOC. For I Corps Artillery, these methods are only a backup plan.

Under the command of Brig. Gen. Pat Wilson, I Corps Artillery was able to implement and sustain a fully digital TOC during the Warfighter Exercise. This means that all communications systems were seamlessly integrated and networked so the TOC could track the simulated battle in real time. The units communicated using Mobile Subscriber Equipment, Wide Area Network, Local Area Network, wire and FM radio.

Preparing for the Warfighter took a lot of hard work. The military decision making process began six months prior to the exercise. Also, an advanced party arrived at Fort Lewis early to

begin working with the other brigade and division liaison officers and conducting a database scrub. Fort Lewis took notice of the performance of I Corps Artillery. Twenty out of 5,000 soldiers were given the Warfighter Hero award. Sgt 1st Cass Mark Reyna from the Fire Control Element, was one of them.

The next warfighter is scheduled for 2004, and I Corps Artillery is maintaining contact with other field artillery brigades throughout the country. An example of this occurred during their June 2003 Inactive Duty Training weekend. They conducted a live fire exercise for the 57th Field Artillery Brigade of the Wisconsin Army National Guard. The really impressive part is that they did it from afar. The I Corps Artillery was at Camp Williams and the 57th Field Artillery Brigade was in a

training area in Wisconsin. This type of technical superiority and expertise demonstrates the future of warfare in a digital age, and the role I Corps Artillery will play in that future.

The I Corps Artillery recently hosted their annual Fire Support Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. Guest speakers included Lt. Gen. Ed Soriano, Commander I Corps & Fort Lewis, Maj. Gen. Paul Mock, Commander 311th Corps Support Command, and the National Guard Bureau CSM Frank Lever. Topics ranged from real world threats in the artillery arena, to up and coming technologies. National Guard Field Artillery Brigades, the National Guard Bureau, and the Active Duty component were all represented to include 23 states and 45 units from across the country.



Lt. Col. Acton tracks the battle in the digital TOC at Fort Lewis during the warfighter exercise

Photo by I Corps Artillery

115th Maintenance Company – Always on Call

By SSgt. Skip Johnston



small emplacement equipment, chemical agent resistant coating painting, generators, welding jobs, weapon sights, night vision goggles, tactical vehicles, SINCGARS radios, safety equipment, and 5-ton and 2 ½ ton trucks. Teams were also dispatched to Vernal, Blanding, Spanish Fork, Beaver, Cedar City, St. George, Tooele, and Price to support of various units. The only thing not in short supply was work as soldiers prepared the State's equipment, ensuring it was ready to be deployed.

Many of the deploying units were short handed and 115th Maintenance Company soldiers were called to fill vacant slots. Maintenance Company soldiers answered the call and reported for deployment with many other Utah deploying units. We pay tribute to those that have sacrificed and volunteered for deployments, often with less than a week's notice. The courage displayed by these deploying troops has been inspirational to watch.

Members of the 115th Maint Co preparing equipment for deployment

Change has become the rule instead of the exception as the Utah Army National Guard was mobilized. The mission of getting them out the door fell to the Maintenance Company, Commanded by Capt. Steven B. Geisler. In a joint effort with the full-time Combined Support Maintenance Shop and State Maintenance Management office, equipment from all around the state was brought up to standard for deployment. Units supported included the 489th Engineer Detachment, 116th Engineer Company, 2 / 222nd Field Artillery, 1/19th Special Forces, 211th Aviation Group, 1457th Engineer Battalion, 145th Field Artillery, 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion, and the 141st Military Intelligence Battalion.

Around 8,800 Maintenance Company man-hours and over 8,000 Combined Support Maintenance Shop man-hours were logged in direct support of these deployments. These

missions included a variety of maintenance tasks and work on many different items including cranes, bull dozers, scrapers, loaders, graders, wreckers, hemmits, palletized loading systems, howitzers, small arms, cut V's,



Members of the 115th Maintenance Company working on equipment of deploying units

Photos provided by 115th Maint Co

Busy Year for the Maintenance Squadron

*By Tech. Sgt. Dale Cooper and
Senior Master Sgt. Corey Quintana*

Mobility has been a key word for the Wing's aircraft maintenance squadrons over the last 12 months. Moving to a new building and going on deployments have had a significant impact on the maintainers and their families as well.

In September 2002, we began moving into the new Composite Aircraft Maintenance facility.

In addition to the new construction, most of the remaining facilities on the base belonging to maintenance were also remodeled. The main hangar and fuel cell repair hangar received makeovers that provided badly needed office and storage space to both facilities, building 23, the old general purpose shops building, was completely renovated.

In December 2002, maintenance deployed to Geilenkirchen, Germany, to support NATO aircraft with air refueling. Planning began for those who didn't deploy to Germany to prepare aircraft and equipment to deploy in late December to Incirlik AB, Turkey.

Just days after the last aircraft left for the Azores, the Wing was tasked to support operations in Bangor, Maine.

Maintainers worked in bitter cold temperatures, sleet and snow to meet mission requirements. As of late July, maintainers and aircrews from the 151st still remain involved with this tasking.

During the initial deployment of aircraft and personnel to the Azores, one of the unit's KC-135E aircraft experienced a sudden loss of altitude which caused the aircraft to be returned to Salt Lake City for a major inspection. Maintenance personnel who

hadn't been deployed began the arduous task of ensuring that no serious structural damage had been done to the aircraft. As an example of how thorough this inspection was, each of the four engines had to be removed and reinstalled after all the mounting hardware was inspected by the NDI Shop personnel.

The aircraft inspection was completed ahead of schedule and the aircraft returned to service.

The role the traditional Guardsmembers played in all these events was and still is very vital to the Utah Air National Guard. Without many sacrifices from both the members and their families, the mission could not be accomplished.

We also must not forget the importance of the employers who have shown their support in a number of different ways.



Photo provided by Lajes Air Field, Azores

Members of the Maintenance Squadron of the 151st Air Refueling Wing when they were deployed. Their exceptional aircraft maintenance skills make it possible for the Wing to perform their mission.

HHD Utah STARC “We Take Care of Soldiers”



Photos by Sgt 1st Class Greg Cullis

Members of the HHD Utah STARC ensuring that our Utah National Guard Soldiers were ready for Active Duty call-ups

Beginning in November 2002, HHD STARC soldiers were put to the test. All of the years of training finally were put to use in a way that is continuing on to this day. Since November, our personnel (full time and traditional soldiers) have spent tireless hours, days and weeks assisting our troops for worldwide deployment. This process made certain that our soldiers (within the guard units of the state of Utah) were fully qualified for activation. Items included medical records, personnel files, financial documents, legal papers, supply items and orders.

The STARC soldiers who performed these tasks worked in various divisions within the Draper Complex to included: Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, and Director of Property and Fiscal, Human Resource Office, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Logistics Office, Deputy Chief of Staff for Information Management. These tasks were

performed at the Draper Complex and the Camp Williams Readiness Center, as well as the various unit locations throughout the state.

1st Sgt. Dellinger, HHD, UT, STARC

Not only did the STARC personnel process over 2,500 soldiers from the month of November 2002 to the present, our soldiers also assisted Active Army counterparts at Fort Carson, Colorado; Fort Lewis, Washington; Fort Benning, Georgia; Fort Campbell, Kentucky; Fort Devens, Massachusetts; Fort Stewart, Georgia; and Fort Dix, New Jersey.

Utah was at one point over 85 percent mobilized, which was the highest in the nation at the time. We appreciate all of the personnel who assisted our soldiers in their time of need. We appreciate our soldiers for their exceptional dedication and loyalty shown during this on going battle for the freedom of our nation.

We do have the “best” soldiers in the nation, thanks to the efforts of every one of them.



23rd Army Band, Our Best Link to the Community

By SSgt. Bryce Bird, 23rd Army Band



Photo provided by Utah Minuteman Staff

The 23rd Army Band performing at Murray Park on Armed Forces Day

The 23rd Army Band's spring and summer have been filled accepting the gratitude of Utah's communities on behalf of the Utah National Guard. Throughout the spring and summer of 2003, the 23rd Army Band has performed music clinics, patriotic concerts, parades and ceremonies including performances at: American Fork, Bingham High School, the University of Utah, Sugarhouse Park, Richfield, Murray, Brigham Young Park, Thanksgiving Point, Fort Douglas, Pleasant Grove, Lehi, Taylorsville, Draper, the Salt Lake Tabernacle on Temple Square, the 24th of July Parade in Salt Lake City, and the Freedom Academy at Camp Williams, to name a few. As one of Utah's more accessible Guard units, the band has experienced a flood of community support requests to honor members of our nation's military serving around the world, especially for units of the Utah National Guard.

As a part of each concert, the band recognized and honored members and family members of present and former military personnel. One of the ways this was accomplished was by performing each of the service hymns,

recognizing members of the audience who were currently serving or those who have served in the uniformed branches of the military. When their respective hymns were played, individuals were asked to stand and be recognized. Each audience typically receive them with enthusiastic applause.

This year, out of respect for the members of the Utah Guard who were activated and currently serving away from their homes and families, Mr. Cottam requested, during concerts, that the family members of those currently on active duty raise their hands. Each time, the audiences voiced their support with rousing applause.

One of the highlights of the summer was a combined concert with the Army Reserve's 91st Division Band and the Utah Choral Arts Society at Murray Park to commemorate Armed Forces Day. For the celebration, the City of Murray decorated Murray City Park with hundreds of American flags. Hanging as a backdrop behind the stage, the City displayed the flag that had been recovered from the USS Utah which sank in Pearl Harbor following the attack in 1941. During this concert Mr. Cottam was able to recognize the

family of SSgt. Matt Pyper who was in attendance at the concert. SSgt. Pyper is a musician in the band who was activated following a reassignment to his previous Military Intelligence Unit. Since his reassignment, the Band has followed his travels through e-mail updates from Fort Carson to Kuwait and on to Baghdad.

Little can compare with spending an evening listening to Sousa's marches and other favorites such as the 1812 Overture, the Armed Service Hymns or God Bless the USA! This was the case on July 4th and 5th, when the Band performed for an audience of several thousand at the Tabernacle on Temple Square. Once again, the community showed their support for the Guard and their gratitude for the opportunity to live in a safe and free nation afforded by those soldiers who are willing to answer the call to service.

As we see wherever we go, the people of the state of Utah support those serving in the Guard and are grateful for the sacrifices made by the soldiers and families in support of our great nation.

The band is currently preparing for the annual Veterans' Day concerts, which are just around the corner. One performance will be on November 11th 2003, at the Huntsman Center on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. A second concert will be on November 12, 2003 at the Kent Concert Hall, on the campus of Utah State University in Logan. Come and show your patriotism by joining us for an evening of inspiring music, and accept in person the appreciation of Utah's grateful communities.

Home Sweet Home

By 2nd Lt. Maren P. Barney

Four KC-135E "Stratotankers" from the 151st Air Refueling Wing of the Utah Air National Guard returned to Salt Lake City from their six-week deployment to Turkey. The return of the 105 Guard members marked the end of a separation between Guard members and their families -- some since the end of December.

"I'm just really proud of him," said JoAnn M. Jensen, wife of Master Sgt. Brian K. Jensen. "I've always supported him in all he does."

Personnel from headquarters, maintenance, operations, supply and communications had been in Turkey since the last week of December conducting aerial refueling missions in



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Burke Baker

Tech. Sgt. Bill East hugs his girlfriend, Rebecca York, after the two had not seen each other for a while. East was one of 80 members, along with three aircraft, that deployed to Turkey in support of the Air Expeditionary Forces (Northern Watch).



Photo by Tech Sgt Burke Baker

Monica Flores can barely contain her excitement as she waits for her aunt to return from Turkey. Approximately 185 members of the Utah Air National Guard were deployed for several weeks.

support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

"There are a lot of people who are gone longer than I was," said Brian Jensen. "Families need to support the troops, both Guard and active duty."

Utah Air Guard commander Brig. Gen. Larry V. Lunt flew over on the rotation swap-out and spent five days with the Wing. "Our record of getting missions up and out was extraordinary," he said. "I also saw amazing coordination between our maintenance crews and aircrews."

Lunt spent two days with the sister unit from Milwaukee as they flew him home.

"Milwaukee was very impressed with Col. Winget and was very complimentary about the entire Utah Air National Guard," Lunt said.

"As their commander, I have the utmost respect and admiration for these men and women who sacrifice at least their warm homes, jobs, friends and families to do what they do for their country," said Col. Brent E. Winget, 151st ARW commander.

The deployment is over, but the Wing is prepared to respond to the President's summons, if needed. "Our people, like most of the world, have been anticipating additional demands upon the military, in particular the Utah Air National Guard," said Winget. "Many now feel that they may just return home to re-deploy to this same area of the world, and they are prepared to do just that if required."

The deployment involved over 185 people from the Wing and many more supported from Utah.

Chief Receives Award for Employer Support

By 2nd Lt. Maren Barney

Imagine attending a work-related conference and receiving not only a national award, but a check for you and your employer!

During the Senior Enlisted Conference on Dec. 3, Chief Master Sgt. Dandy O. Diddle's employer, Assist Cornerstone Technologies, received national recognition for outstanding employer support.

Diddle, Operations Superintendent for the 169th Intelligence Squadron, accepted the 2002 George Bush Award with his supervisor, Charles Kaser of Assist Cornerstone Technologies.

"It was an honor to bring back to Utah," said Diddle.

The award, sponsored by the Air National Guard and the Aerospace Education Foundation, recognizes Diddle's outstanding performance as an activated, traditional Guard member,



Photo by Colorado Air National Guard

Retired Brig. Gen. William W. Spruance, Chief Master Sgt. Dandy O. Diddle, Nadine Diddle, Charles Kaser and Brig. Gen. David A. Brubaker.

and the outstanding support of his commitment to the defense of our employer supporting the Guard's nation.

Civil Engineers Wait, Then Deploy

By Lt. Col. Thomas H. Shaw

The 151st Civil Engineering Squadron deployed approximately 50 personnel who are trained in construction, heavy-duty equipment, air base operability and bare-base operations.

"The unit members are deploying in support of the U. S. Central Command area of operations to support the global war on terrorism and to prepare for future contingencies as may be directed," stated Lt. Col. Leon Jones, 151st CES commander. "I am proud of the men and women of our unit, and they are motivated to put into practice their many years of training."

Unit members departed from the Salt Lake City International Airport to Grissom AFB where they met up with

their previously deployed equipment. From there they continued on to Germany where they stopped for refueling, then proceeded on to their assigned duty location in Romania. All members arrived in good spirits, anxious to get on with their assigned tasking, Jones stated, "The activity is awaiting future tasking and will probably be repositioning to a different location within a day or two."



File photo provided by 151st Audio/Visual

Editor's note: The unit returned in May and June and were demobilized.

Leavitt Visits Military Families of Deployed Utah Guard Members

by Spec. Todd Sparks 128th MPAD



Photos by Cadet Corey L. Perrine

"It's just great to see the support the community has for us," said Renee Fry, wife of deployed soldier Sgt. Trent Fry, 142 Military Intelligence Battalion.



Governor Leavitt thanking Guard Families for their sacrifices

Governor Leavitt with the family of a deployed Utah Guardsmembers

Utah honored some of its unsung heroes as Governor Michael O. Leavitt and Intermountain Health Care thanked Utah's military families for their sacrifice and support. The gathering at the Utah Valley Regional Medical Center was one of five such events held throughout the state during the weekend of April 25 to recognize the hardships that families face as their loved ones are deployed.

Governor Leavitt spoke of the importance of Utah's role in the war on terrorism as well as the challenges that families face. "We want you to know that we know, that this is hard," said Governor Leavitt.

Intermountain Health Care representative Bill Nelson; Brig. Gen. Larry Lunt; and Mrs. Leavitt addressed the families and gave them thanks and appreciation. During Mrs. Leavitt's speech, she shared her deep emotions and respect she has for the families she told them to express to their deployed

soldiers the love and support the people of Utah have for them.

After his remarks indoors, Governor Leavitt visited with individual families as they enjoyed a catered dinner, a live jazz ensemble, and balloon animals for the children.



Families of deployed Utah Guard members showing their support and pride for the service of their family member serving their country

Operation Yellow Ribbon

By Spec. Todd Sparks, 128th MPAD



More than twelve hundred people gathered at the Utah State Capitol to form a large human yellow ribbon to show their support for the U.S. troops stationed throughout the world.

Yellow was the color of the day as an estimated two thousand yellow-clad supporters turned out to form a giant yellow ribbon on the capitol grounds on April 12, 2003. The event, known as Operation Yellow Ribbon, was organized by a grassroots group of veterans, service members' families, and citizens who wanted to voice their support for America's armed forces. The group, known as the Utah Coalition of the Willing, put together a diverse and patriotic event that included an Air Force color guard, Native American music by Morning Star, patriotic songs by the Daily Herald Freedom Band, and speeches from local dignitaries.

Former Utah Jazz basketball player, Thurl Bailey acted as master of ceremonies; and Senator Orrin Hatch found time in his busy schedule to speak. The event was graced by an address from Medal of Honor recipient, and veteran of three wars,

George Wahlen. Mr. Wahlen, a Navy Corpsmen in WWII, was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic efforts to save wounded Marines at the battle of Iwo Jima. Though wounded three

times, he refused to be evacuated and continued to aid the wounded Marines throughout the battle. Mr. Wahlen, spoke modestly of his own service but expressed great gratitude for the men and women in uniform today, saying: "We are blessed to have such special service people." Mr. Wahlen also voiced support for President Bush's decision to liberate Iraq, saying: "I appreciate that he decided to do the right thing."

Support for the war was a common sentiment amongst the participants of Operation Yellow Ribbon. Lonnie Sutton, a twenty-year veteran of the Air Force and former member of the Strategic Air Command said: "I'm here to support the troops and to show support for the President and to celebrate a great victory for America."

Eighty-one percent of available forces of the Utah Army National Guard and a large portion of the Utah Air Guard was activated for the Iraqi Freedom War.



Supporters of the troops hold a large U.S. flag for aerial photographers. Participants drove as long as two hours to reach the event.

Photos by SFC Roger Jensen

Armed Forces Day Experiences Sterling Performance

Weekend filled with music, food, patriotism and local support

By Tech. Sgt. Sterling S. Poulson

After months of deployments leaving families separated and looking ahead to uncertain times, Armed Forces Day took on a new meaning this year.

The families of servicemembers pay more attention to the overlooked holiday, but the general public as well had a new enthusiasm for the celebrations held at Murray Park on May 16 and 17.

The 91st Division Band of California kicked off Friday night's events by joining forces with the 23rd Army Band and the Choral Arts Society of Utah for a rousing patriotic concert.

The first of the evening's speakers, Brig. Gen. Larry Lunt gave inspiring words of dedication and heroism. Other speakers included Mayor Daniel C. Snarr of Murray City, Brig. Gen. Stan Gordon and Brig. Gen. Peter Cooke.

The concert ended with fireworks and hundreds of spectators waving flags as the bands and chorus performed



Photo By Master Sgt. Pat Valdez

Tech Sgt. Sterling Poulson directing the Choral Arts Society at the Armed Forces Day celebration.

a rousing rendition of "Stars & Stripes Forever."

Saturday morning greeted park entrants with hundreds of flags that lined the road through the park. The grill was fired up, and the hot dogs and hamburgers were sizzling.

Shortly before 11 a.m., the Salt Lake Scots Pipe Band marched through the park signaling the beginning of the event. A Blackhawk helicopter landed in the ball field. Tents and displays were set up all over the park.

Doug Wright from KSL News Radio 1160 hosted a flag ceremony and concert by the 91st Division Band and the Salt Lake Scots. During the concert, the 151st ARW participated in the event with a flyover with one of the KC-135 tankers. Piloting the aircraft were Lt. Col. Coit B. Holt, Jr.; Maj. Rachelle L. Harris; Lt. Col. Ronald D. Blunck, Navigator; and Master Sgt. Brian D. Lawson, Boom Operator.

The Utah National Guard's 211th Aviation Group flew a Blackhawk helicopter over the crowd after spending the day in the ball field allowing hundreds of kids to get a close and personal tour.

A wonderful two days of activities brought home the importance of each man and woman in uniform. Murray City and the great staff at the park donated the park facilities. Everyone involved deserves great thanks, including the Marines, Coast Guard, Army, the Utah Army National Guard and the Utah Air National Guard for their participation.



U.S. Air Force Photo by Tech. Sgt. Brad Leiter

Air Force color guard, lines up while waiting for the parade to start the Armed Forces Day.

299th RCS Promotes Aviation Safety

By 2nd Lt. Todd Lobato

For the past several years the 299th Range Control Squadron (Clover Control) has been conducting briefings on Mid-Air Collision Avoidance (MACA) along the Wasatch Front and in areas surrounding the Utah Test and Training Range.

The purpose of the briefings is to make General Aviation pilots aware of the procedures for operating in and around the Special Use Airspace that the military uses to conduct testing and training.

Topics discussed include: restricted airspace, Military Training Routes, and Military Operating Areas. The objective of the MACA briefings are to keep General Aviation pilots safe from the hazards associated with military operations and to maintain the integrity of Special Use Airspace for the Military to maximize available training time.

Every time that a General Aviation pilot violates restricted airspace he puts his own life in danger and limit critical



U.S. Air Force photo by: Tech. Sgt. Burke Baker

Air Traffic Controller, John Bellmon of the 299th Range Control Squadron, Utah Air National Guard, controls traffic from his monitoring station

flight time that military pilots need to maintain proficiency. There are also ground hazards that can be dangerous for the General Aviation pilots, which

include small arms, mortar, artillery, and explosives detonations.

Normally when an aircraft violates Special Use Airspace the incident is turned over to Salt Lake Flight Standards District Office. Depending on the severity of the violation the pilot could lose his license to fly.

Since the September 11 terrorist attack, airspace violations are taken very seriously and every possible action is taken to identify the airspace violator. The 299th has taken a proactive approach and has the philosophy to educate the pilots before they violate Special Use Airspace.

The 299th RCS has two Federal Aviation Administration Certified Aviation Safety Counselors that are also representatives for the Salt Lake FSDO. Since the MACA briefings began the number of airspace violations has diminished drastically.



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Burke Baker

The Operations Center of the 299th Range Control Squadron, Utah Air National Guard. Air Traffic controllers can control both military and civilian air traffic from these stations.

Family Support in the Utah National Guard

By Spec. Jodi Metzger, 128th MPAD

With the attacks of 9/11, terrorism reached us from halfway around the world. It proved that no one was safe from this kind of violence. The United States' cry for justice rang a hard truth, that we would not stand by in defeat, but stand up for all that we believe in - freedom. As troops deploy, loved ones waved to them, knowing that they may never see them again.

The Family Support Program was created to help families of deployed soldiers. To help aid these family members, support coordinators meet together once a month with the family members to identify problems and to get to know others in their same situation. Sergeant First Class Joseph Bowcutt, a recruiting and retention NCO with HHC, 1457th, helps coordinate family support meetings.

"What we want to do is build some cohesion here between the family members so they have somebody to talk to," said Bowcutt. "We don't want our soldiers who are gone worrying about their families. Although we aren't



2nd Lt. David Jones Asst. Family Support Program Coordinator



Photo by Cadet Corey Perrine

Members of a Family Support unit at a local fundraising event

with them, we are helping them by being here." The relationships that develop from the support meetings are very important to the family members because it gives them a special bond of understanding. Felila Montoya, a spouse of a Utah Guard member describes the unity of the families as a way to meet people who are having similar challenges and are able to relate to someone going through these same challenges.

As an important source of help, Utah maintains fifteen Family Assistance Centers, located in Draper, Logan, Ogden, Orem, St. George, American Fork, Spanish Fork, Tooele, Price, Vernal, Blanding, Mt. Pleasant, Cedar City, Beaver, and Richfield. Family support leaders ensure that their assigned people are taken care of by conducting training where they learn about phone trees, readiness events, and benefits provided to family members. The coordinators set up classes such as self-defense, CPR, fund raising, dining out, and scrap booking.

At a recent fund raiser, Jodi Wood, a support coordinator for the 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion, explained that this organization is critical for the peace of mind of the soldier as well as the unity of the family. "For me, it's nice to know that there are other families experiencing the same impacts of what it is to be a Guard member and to be mobilized. It's good to feel the connection and to be able to give something back, to help others."

Volunteers from the Family Support Program strive to help in any way they can. Recently, toys have been pouring in from fund raisers and citizens who want to help families in need. Assistant Family Programs Coordinator, 2nd Lt. David Jones said, "Because there are so many people willing to help, the hardest problem they have to deal with is dividing all the toys and other donations to the different families in need. It is because of the family supporters that we can come together as Guard members and civilians and work together helping those in time of need or in time of trouble, and this we should be thankful for."

Family Assistance Centers

By MSG Ron Linton

Fifteen Utah National Guard Family Assistance Centers (FAC) became a part of the Family Readiness Program in April 2003. There is a FAC at each of the armories of deployed units from the Utah Army National Guard. There are two people assigned to each of the armories, a military technician and a state employee. Each is there to assist the deployed soldier's family in case of emergency, pay problems, Tricare Insurance assistance, or other family needs.

The great work of the Family Assistance Center employees has assisted families by contacting community leaders and having these cities eliminate or reduce the utility bills for the families of deployed soldiers. The spouse of the deployed soldier takes a copy of the Mobilization Order to the City in order to benefit from the reduced rate. Twenty-seven cities throughout Utah have committed to reduce or eliminate the family's utility bill.



Annette Barnes, American Fork Armory, Family Assistance Center Director

The Family Assistance Centers have assisted 1,046 military families, received 50 e-mail messages, and answered 1,175 phone calls from Guard families. They have processed requests for assistance from the families to the United Way (Operation Home Front) and

Army Emergency Relief. They have also contacted private agencies to assist families with free or reduced rates.

To achieve the success they have had with helping families the FACs have to work hand-in-hand with the Family Readiness Group Leaders from each of the units. These volunteer ladies have committed many hours to keeping in touch with spouses by sending out newsletters to keep each family informed. They have also provided a shoulder to cry on and the comforting voice to help the families cope with their spouse being deployed.

The members of the Utah National Guard can be proud of and thankful for the outstanding people who work at the Family Assistance Centers and the volunteer spouses who give their time as the Family Readiness Group Leaders. They prove that:

"The Guard Is Family."

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Families of deployed Utah Guardmembers receive assistance at center

Photos provided by Family Assistance

Program Provides Guard Families Food For Thought

By Caleb Warnock
The Provo Daily Herald



Members of deployed Utah Guard Families being assisted with donated food at a Family Support Center

Since Loralee Miller's husband, Clayton, a member of the Utah National Guard, left for active duty in the Middle East three months ago, she has been fighting a battle of her own – trying to remain financially solvent as a stay-at-home mother. "We didn't take a pay cut, but I didn't want my kids to lose both parents with my husband getting deployed," she said. "I hope to continue to stay home. I have been looking into things I can do at home to bring in some money. I've talked to a lady about doing some sewing."

Miller and her two children, ages 1 and 2 were among the 60 or so families who came to the American Fork Armory on Saturday for a shopping spree of sorts. Hosted by the Utah National Guard Family Assistance Center, military families with members on active duty were allowed to take as much donated food as they needed. "Every little bit helps," Miller said. "It's 40 bucks that I won't have to spend on food that I can spend on other things. I can maybe take my boys out swimming or something."

Annette Barnes, director of the program, said she was surprised at the

response to the food; she now plans to make it a monthly program. "We wanted to do it as a test run and see if we had a good response here, and we did," she said. "They have about cleared the place out. I'm just ecstatic."

Angela Reyes, who is 8 ½ months pregnant with her first child, said she drove from West Jordan to get the donation. Her husband, William, left with the National Guard in February and is now stationed in Baghdad. "This is really important because we have to struggle with the finances a lot," she said.

Some agencies are waiving some of the costs for the families of deployed

troops to help ease their burden. Some families have lost as much as 50 percent of their income and some have lost their sole income and are not making much. Carrie Neil of Enoch, near Cedar City, said her car broke down the day her husband, Scott, left for active duty in the Middle East. "The Red Cross was able to help me get a loan to take care of it," she said. "You just deal with it day-by-day and you just make it." Money is tight and the food helps her make ends meet she said – but the real help has been the emotional support offered by friends, neighbors and strangers. "It is really nice to see the support from the community," she said. "It is the prayers from everyone that makes everything just work out."

Barnes said she would love to see all neighborhoods reach out to the families of those on active duty. "Mow some lawns for some of these ladies, help them with a meal or two," she said. "That kind of assistance goes a long way."

For more information about the Utah National Guard Family Assistance program, call 763-6326.



Utah Guard families of deployed soldiers selecting donated food

Photos provided by 128th MPAD

The Tradition of the Blue Star Banner

Source: Arizona Republic, April 9, 2003.

The tradition of putting blue stars in windows dates to World War I and reached the peak of its popularity in World War II. “The world should know of those who give so much for liberty. The dearest thing in all the world to a father and mother – their children,” said an Ohio congressman of the Blue Star Banner in 1917, the year it was designed.

Blue Star facts

—The Blue Star was designed and patented in 1917 by World War I Army Capt. Robert L. Queissner, who had two sons on the front lines.

—Immediate family members (father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, wife, husband) are eligible to display the banners.

—Banners are usually displayed in windows and should be displayed vertically. Its standard size is 8 ½ by 14 inches. Basically, it needs to be the same proportion as the U.S. flag.

—If a service member is killed, a smaller gold star is placed atop the blue star.

—A blue star represents one family member serving in the armed forces. A banner can have up to five stars.

—The family member does not need to be in combat, just a member of the armed forces (including National Guard and Reserves).



109th Deploys for Roving Sands

By Lt. Col. David Thomas

The members of the 109th Air Control Squadron (ACS) are back up to their "old tricks."

After spending a greater part of 2001 and 2002 activated as a part of Operation Noble Eagle, the 109th ACS returned to the western Utah desert to participate in exercise Roving Sands '03.

Roving Sands is an approved Joint Chiefs of Staff, sponsored by the United States Joint Forces Command, United States Army Forces Command executed Joint Theater Air and Missile Defense (JTAMD) Field Training Exercise. It is also the world's largest joint theater air and missile defense exercise.

The 109th ACS sent 114 members to the southern edge of the Wendover Airport. They were joined by 16 active duty members of the 603rd ACS from Italy and 20 Air National Guardsmembers from the 123rd ACS in Ohio.

The units deployed June 9 and returned June 23. Due to the limited availability of units this year, because of the high operations tempo overseas, most of the exercise was simulated. For the 109th it means operations ran from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., with only a small security and maintenance staff at night. Their normal exercise operations run 24 hours a day.

It is important for the 109th ACS to have exercises like this to test and train their members on deployment procedures



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Michael D. Evans

Master Sgt. Brian Carter, Tech. Sgt. Trent Johnson and Staff Sgt. Ned Shaffer, all from the 109th ACS, perform maintenance on the unit's communications

and operations. Many of the tasks performed in the field are hard to duplicate in garrison.

The 109th is excellent at adapting to conditions they find at the deployment sites. During this particular exercise, they used two World War II buildings to house their operations and dining hall. The buildings have a bit of historical significance. They were used as munitions sheds to construct the first atomic bombs.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Michael D. Evans

Staff Sgt. Chris Hesterberg, of the 109th ACS, watches Senior Airman John Corley during his checkout. Corley is from the 603rd ACS at Aviano Air Base, Italy.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Michael D. Evans

Master Sgt Brian Carter from the 109th Air Control Squadron monitors a maintenance problem for a piece of equipment during Operation Roving Sands 2003.

Wendover Makes an Excellent Desert Training Site for 109th Members



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Michael D. Evans

Staff Sgt. Steven Gines keeps his M-16 ready as he watches the mock demonstrators to make sure they remain outside of the compound.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Michael D. Evans

A bird's eye view of the compound at the Wendover Airport during the exercise shows how dry and sparsely vegetated the site is.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Michael Evans

Tech. Sgt. Bret McCray protests in front of the compound. The demonstrators were really off-duty squadron members testing the unit's security procedures.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Michael Evans

Tech Sgt. Justin Conine watches over a demonstrator, really Staff Sgt. Phillip Campbell, caught inside the compound fence.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Michael Evans

Airman 1st Class Brian Johnson prepares lunch for the unit members using a mobile kitchen unit (MKT).

211th Aviation Group Off to Korea again

By CW5 Gary Wallin



Photo by CW5 Gary Wallin

NBC decon training of Apache in Camp Humphreys, Korea

The month of March 2003 was a busy one for members of the 211th Aviation Group (Atk Hel), Utah Army National Guard, West Jordan, Utah. Eleven members of this organization departed Utah to participate in exercise "Fool Eagle" March 30, 2003.

The 6th U.S. Cavalry Brigade, headquartered at Camp Humphreys, Korea, asked the 211th to perform an external evaluation on one of its Apache Squadrons. The 1st Squadron 6th U.S. Cavalry Brigade, is the fine organization that the 211th evaluated. Of course the 211th stacked the deck and sent its finest and most experienced, which put the active Army guys in awe.

Members of the 211th included: Lt. Col. Rodney Robinson, Group Commander; Maj. Greg Hartvigsen, Group XO; Maj. Leonard Barton, Group S-3 Air; Capt. Francis Kartch, HHC Commander and ADA branch officer; Maj. Robert Church, JAG; CW5 Gary Wallin, Standardization Instructor Pilot and Tactical Operations Officer; SGM Joel Adams, Operations SGM; MSG Travis Heywood, Communications Sergeant and Avionics

Supervisor; MSG Brent Lyon, Quality Control Supervisor and Aircraft Maintenance Technician; MSG John Cornwell, POL Operations Sergeant; MSG Tommy Thompson, NBC Staff NCO and Assistant Operations NCO; and SFC Brian Wardle, Personnel NCO.

We deployed to the field, working and living with the troops. March in Korea can be a cold experience. Overall the weather was good, but true to form, it did get cold. The bivouac area was next to the Namhan River in central Korea nicknamed LZ Jerry and LZ Nightmare. This was a tremendous opportunity to again show the active forces just what the Guard was able to do.

Our people integrated right in with the troops. We were able to learn and bring home good ideas from them. At the same time we were able to impart our knowledge and experience to these younger soldiers. We helped them trouble shoot and correct problems in the areas of aircraft maintenance, automated mission planning, NBC operations, convoy and assembly area

operations, and forward area refueling operations. They were able to show us how they accomplish the operation in the Korean Theater to include day-and-night-over-water-deep-attack operations, over water dunker training, NBC decontamination operations, aircraft salt-water-washing operations, aircraft operations with extended range fuel tanks on the aircraft.

Another first for a Guard/Reserve unit was allowing CW5 Gary Wallin and Maj. Leonard Barton to be checked out in 1-6 Cav AH-64A Apache aircraft, receive in-country orientation and qualification, and fly on the missions with the 1-6 Cav Squadron. Major Robert Church attended briefings related to deployment and integration into the Korean theater of reserve organizations in the event of a call up.

Colonel Ronald Bufkin, Commander 6th U.S. Cavalry Brigade, was very pleased with the overall evaluation process the 211th administered. The praises heaped on the 211th from Col. Bufkin, and his staff reemphasized how good the 211th and the Utah Army National Guard really are. We have the experience, expertise, and know how and professionalism that the active component lacks in many areas. These are the reasons the Guard and Reserve exist, to enhance the "One Army Concept," to lend the helping hand to our active brothers in arms, and to continue to foster the good will between the services that we always need. The 211th Aviation Group, Utah Army National Guard, West Jordan, Utah, stands ready to continue this tradition of excellence.

Veterans Status for Members of the Utah National Guard

Taken from the Office Secretary Defense Reserve Affairs Newsletter

For many first-time activated Reservists in the war on terrorism, there is a silver lining behind the cloud of a long, disruptive, and often dangerous mobilization. The call-up will ensure their status as “veterans” and their eligibility for a full range of benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs. A fact still not well known among Reservists and National Guard personnel, is that those who first entered service after Sept. 7, 1980, which includes many of 294,000 members mobilized since 9/11, face a higher threshold than previous generations to qualify for VA health care benefits. The impact of this change is only now becoming clear to some selected reservists and National Guard members completing careers that followed a once-traditional path.

As they investigate VA benefits, some Reserve retirees are surprised to learn they are not “veterans.” Others discover that they have only limited veteran status by virtue of minimal active service, but are ineligible for a full range of VA benefits. To gain full veteran status, including eligibility for VA health care, Reservists who entered the military after Sept. 7, 1980 must serve 24 continuous months of active service or be called to active duty under a federal mobilization order like the one President Bush signed after 9/11.

William West, a benefits expert at the VA, said that minimum active duty requirements impact eligibility for VA benefits, including guaranteed home loans and education benefits. But today, thanks to easing by Congress, the 24-month rule only impacts VA health care. And thanks to the massive call-up over

the last two years, the biggest since World War II, many Reserve and National Guard members are earning full veteran status through their mobilization, thus avoiding benefit disappointments that have touched some retiring colleagues.

In 2000, the VA adopted a broader definition of “veteran” for data collection to try to get a more precise picture of the overall veteran population. This broader definition included 1.1 million separated Reservists who failed to meet the 24-month rule on VA health care eligibility. They comprised only 4.4 percent of 25.5 billion veteran population overall, but a large percentage of younger veterans. For example, as of Sept. 30, 2000, no measurable percentage of veterans older than 55 was affected by the 24-month rule. Most entered service before the 1980 date. Among 3.2 million veterans age 50 to 54, only a tenth of one percent were ineligible for VA health care because they had less than 2 years of continuous active service. The VA calls this group the “L2s.” The number and proportion of L2s rose sharply as ages fell. Among 754,000 veterans age 25 to 29, more than 31 percent had less than the required 2 years of continuous active service. Among 264,000 veterans age 20 to 24, more than half, 51 percent, were L2s. If these veterans never serve 24 straight months on active duty, or if they aren’t mobilized by federal authorities, VA health care won’t be an option. In that light, the massive call-up over the last two years would appear to be reversing that trend, ensuring that many more Reserve and National Guard members earn full veteran status.

The call-up affects other VA benefits. For example, it accelerates a Reservists’ eligibility for VA guaranteed home loans. Typically, the home loan benefit is available to Reservists only after they serve 6 years in the Selected Reserve or National Guard; they also need an honorable discharge. Members called to active duty don’t have to complete the 6 years of drill to gain VA home loan eligibility.

A call-up also affects eligibility for: 1) VA disability pensions, an important benefit for veterans who fall on hard times; 2) a death pension for low-income widows and dependents; and 3) education benefits for spouses and children of veterans with permanent disability ratings of 100 percent.

Not all mobilizations affect VA benefits. To do that it must be “federal,” that is, ordered by the President. If a state Governor calls up the National Guard, for example, to fight a fire or protect an airport, it does not impact veteran status.

The rule of thumb for VA benefits of selected Reservists and National Guard members serving on active duty is that they can earn the same benefits as other veterans if they meet the same length-of-service requirements. Reservists who haven’t served on active duty receive fewer benefits but they aren’t shut out by any measure. For example, they do get medical care for service-connected disabilities, VA compensation for injuries that occur while on active or inactive duty for training and Montgomery GI Bill for selected reserves. Readers can find a robust list of VA benefit fact sheets online at: www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Milsvc/benefacts.htm.

El Salvadorian Army Comes to Utah



Photo by Spec. Scott Faddis

SFC Brandon Holmer, of the 19th Special Forces, teaches the El Salvadorian soldiers to use explosives to take down a telephone pole.

As part of a two-year operation, members of the El Salvadorian Army trained with the Utah National Guard 115th Engineer Group from April 26-May 10, 2003. Last year 40 members of the Utah Engineers trained in El Salvador with their Salvadorian counterparts, and now 42 Salvadorians are in here in Utah. The Salvadorians, with various engineer specialties, trained in Utah for two weeks. The Salvadorian unit was made-up of specialists in combat engineering, mechanics, horizontal road construction, and vertical building construction. These groups trained with members of the Utah Guard who specialize in these areas.

The Salvadorian combat engineers worked with members of the 1457th Engineer Battalion and the 19th Special Forces Group. They trained on setting concertina wire, building tank obstacles, and using C-4 explosives for catering and steel cutting. The Salvadorians impressed the Special Forces demolition expert who was working with them. "These guys know all this stuff. They already know what knots

to tie where," said Sgt. 1st Class Brandon Holmer.

The mechanics were a small group of experts for the El Salvadorian Army. Their main vehicles are surplus American vehicles purchased from the U.S. Army. One of the problems that the El Salvadorian soldiers have is that they have the vehicles but they don't have repair manuals. Staff Sergeant Mark Bloom worked with the Salvadorians, teaching them how to find the timing marks for the fuel injection on a 2-½ ton truck engine. While working closely with the Salvadorians, Bloom gained an appreciation for their mechanical skills. "They know what they are doing. They have good mechanical skills," said Bloom. Along with working side by side with the Salvadorians, Utah Guard members also worked to obtain maintenance manuals that the Salvadorians could take back to their country. "We are trying to find excess manuals that they can take back to El Salvador, but they will still have to translate them to Spanish," said Chief Warrant Officer Clyde Johnson.

The Salvadorian soldiers that specialized in horizontal construction

By Spec. Scott Faddis, 128th MPAD worked with the members of the 115th Engineer Team to repair dirt roads at Camp Williams. The horizontal part of the operation was the biggest part of last year's trip to El Salvador. The Guard helped build a road to a village that was isolated and repaired a water line that had been damaged during the earthquake of 2001. During the time the line was damaged the villagers had to walk 2 miles to get water. The Utah Guard also helped to expand the foundation of a school. The work done by the Utah Guard made it possible for the school to expand from 80 students to 200. The Utah Guard also helped the Salvadorians build a combined barracks and office building.

"Missions like these help build relationships with our allies," said CSM James Slade, one of the members of the Engineers that went to El Salvador last year. "For every person who hates America, there are ten who love Americans and what we were doing for them," said Slade.

While in America, the Salvadorian vertical construction team worked on a combined classroom and storage building that Utah Guard members will be able to use in the future. The Salvadorians learned about our building techniques. In El Salvador buildings are built primarily with cinder block; they rarely use materials such as drywall. "They are learning about different construction materials," said Capt. Velial Casco, the El Salvadorian's executive officer. "We can put into practice back in El Salvador what we learn here. We can interchange ideas and learn new things. This is very important for both countries in building a closeness," said 2LT Jose Mejia, a Salvadorian Officer.

Parachute Operations Mishap Prevention Orientation Course

By Cadet Corey Perrine 128th MPAD

For four-days in May at Camp Williams, airborne soldiers from around the United States joined with Utah National Guard members for training in the Parachute Operations Mishap Prevention Orientation Course. The course provided training to airborne soldiers as directed in Army Safety Regulations and advised them of changes in the airborne procedures.

Although the majority of those in attendance were either airborne safety officers or noncommissioned officers, anyone who was interested in certifying was encouraged to attend. Of the 41 students attending the course, nearly half of them belonged to Special Forces units from Ft. Bragg, North Carolina; the remainder were Guard and Reserve members.

The training consisted of extensive safety coverage on static-line parachuting, free-fall parachuting, and parachuting/free-fall within Special Forces and Ranger units. At the conclusion of the course, instruction was provided on accident investigation and prevention. This instruction included analysis of an actual casualty



Photos by Cadet Corey Perrine

The Crew prepares for the 1st of 15 jumps taping down loose ends and reviewing last minute details

report of a soldier. The object was to determine the cause of death and what could be done in the future to prevent accidents from recurring. The class was taught by Chief Warrant Officer (Ret) Steve Akers, assisted by Maj. Don Randle, and coordinated by Chief Warrant Officer Andrew Jensen. The target audience was not only safety officers and NCOs but also those who were involved with Troop Command safety level officers and pilots.

Although not physically demanding, those foreign to the area found a different obstacle. "The only thing that is challenging about this training is the high altitude," said SFC Roldan of Dallas, Texas. Not only did the soldiers take home a wealth of knowledge from this course but a new outlook on parachute and training safety. "The good thing about the course is the fact that it reminds you to look at safety and incorporate it into your planning. It reminds you how important risk assessment is in all the training that you do," said SFC Smith of Ft. Bragg.

On the optional fifth day, the students were given the opportunity to put their skills to the test by jumping at an altitude of 1,500 feet from a Blackhawk Helicopter. This was the second year for this training, and the course is planned for Utah again next year. Organizer Jensen said "although it's not a requirement, I do this because I want to enhance safety in the airborne community and because I care about the safety focus for the soldiers."



Ssg Todd Siebeneck, preparing to free-fall from a Blackhawk Helicopter

Utah National Guard Soldiers Graduate From Sergeants Major Academy



By Utah Minuteman Staff

Congratulations and good luck to all the graduates: MSG Kenneth G. Lee, MSG Carl T. Banks, SGM Joseph M. Spencer, SGM Robert R. Low, SGM Todd A. Bennett, MSG Arthur L. Olson, 1SG Rae Lynn Oman, CSM James E. Slade, MSG Cheryl K. Fowler, CSM Karl H. Shuler, and SGM Robert S. McPherson.

Utah Guard Members, at Fort Bliss, graduate from the Academy

The largest group of soldiers from the Utah National Guard graduated from the Sergeants Major Academy on June 20, 2003.

This course usually takes 1 – 2 years to complete. Once the correspondence portion is finished, there is still a resident phase to attend in El Paso, Texas. This year's class had 580 students enrolled, 570 graduated. Collectively there were greater than 11,400 years of military experience represented. Of these students 11 were from Utah. With this being the largest class ever at the academy, there were lots of opportunities for networking.

The guest lecturers were really dynamic. SMA Tilley talked of the importance of the reserves in the Total Army structure. Since 80% of the class was reserves, his comments were significant to us. Another speaker, Dr. Gold, gave pointers on stress management. CSM Jones of OCAR, spoke of her experiences as a young soldier and why being a soldier means so much to her.

The weeks leading up to the course and the first week were quite stressful! Worrying about the National Security

Agency briefing was foremost on every individuals mind. Once we completed the APFT and had our briefings done – there was a huge, collective sigh of relief.

Of the 580 students enrolled, 80 were females. Two of these were the 1st females from the Utah National Guard to attend – 1SG Rae Lynn Oman and MSG Cheryl Fowler. “We were grateful to have had this opportunity and glad to share this experience with some of Utah’s finest senior NCOs.”

This was a special event for the Utah Army National Guard, having the first female Utah Guard graduates of the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy in Fort Bliss. First Sergeant Oman is a member of Headquarters 640th Regiment Regional Training Institute. She is a Police Officer for Sandy City and currently is in a Masters in Criminal Justice Program at Weber State University. MSG Fowler is a member of Utah STARC and a full time Health Benefits Advisor in the HRO.



MSG Cheryl Fowler and 1SG Rae Lynn Oman are the first female Utah National Guard soldiers to graduate from the USASMA

Photos by SFC Greg Cullis

A New Unit in the Utah Air National Guard

By TSG Joshua Turner

The 101st Information Warfare Flight has been organizing; training and equipping now for more than 2 years and things are going great! We now have 17 of 30 members on board and are continuing to fill up. Under the command of Maj. Lance Whipple, the flight is moving forward quickly to become the first fully operational Information Warfare Flight in the Air National Guard.

The 101st operates out of Bldg 302 at the Utah ANG Base, co-located with the 169th Intelligence Squadron. They now occupy the newly constructed office space and already have most of our required connectivity to the world established.

The 101st Information Warfare Flight provides reach-back Information Operations planning and analysis support to the Information Warfare Specialty Team of the Air Operations Center, First Air Force, Continental United States NORAD Region at Tyndall Air Force Base. First Air Force is responsible for the air defense of the Continental United States and has a unique mission. It is a multi-service/joint organization (all branches of U.S. military and Canadian AF). One to three members of the 101st are deployed to Tyndall at any given time supporting the Information Warfare Specialty Team.

As Information Operations is a new mission to the Air Guard, all incoming personnel receive Information Operations specialty training. We have successfully graduated 4 members from the Information Operations Integration Course at Hurlburt Field, Florida. This course is required for all



*The Unit Insignia of the new 101st Information Warfare Flight
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Air Force Information Operations personnel assigned to Air Operations Centers and graduates are awarded a "U" prefix to their Air Force Specialty Code.

Over the past year, the 101st has been involved in both real world missions, and large scale exercises. From January thru March 2003, 101st members provided Information Operations planning and operation support to the Integrated Air Defenses of the National Capital Region. This successful mission provided a great

opportunity to apply IO training in a real world setting. In August 2003, we will participate in Determined Promise 03, a NORTHCOM joint exercise focused on providing military support to Homeland Defense and Homeland Security.

As we continue to hire and train new members, the value of the 101st will increase. Next year will be pivotal in the establishment of the 101st, as we anticipate the approval of our Operational Change Request and federal recognition.

Eagle Scouts Donation Project



Boy Scout Jeremy Klein delivering items from Eagle Project

Bags filled with beef jerky, dental floss, foot power, baby wipes, candy, letters and more were delivered to the Family Assistance office by Eagle Scouts for distribution to deployed troops. Jeremy Klein, 15, came up with the Eagle Scout project after seeing a story on television about a similar donation effort. "I wanted to do this because we felt bad for the servicemen over there and just wanted them to know that we were supporting them," said Klein of Scout Troop 523, Kaysville, Utah.

Alicia Klein is very proud of her son and says over 200 man-hours were put into this project. "We were really thrilled he chose this as his Eagle project. He worked really hard, and I'm very proud of him," she said. "He involved a lot of people. It was great for the neighborhood and the whole family." "The neatest thing", Alicia Klein added, were the letters from the elementary school children. Some were really touching. It didn't hurt that their neighbors are Utah's Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet and his wife Mary.

"General Tarbet helped us on how to go about doing this, but his wife Mary

was helpful with the coordination in regards to the items needed," said Alicia Klein. New rules and guidelines prohibit shipment of unsolicited mail to soldiers overseas. Comfort items are distributed to family members locally and they send them to their loved ones.

"The families appreciate all of the donations for their deployed soldiers", said Master Sgt. Ron Linton, State Family Program Coordinator. "The soldiers think [the care packages] are great and they want to thank all that put forth the effort in making a contribution."

For Josh Stuart it was a little "fatherly advice" that got him involved.

By 2nd Lt. Wencke Tate 128th MPAD

"Actually, this was the third Eagle Scout project he came up with and this (proposal) was approved. We did a similar thing at the unit level for unit readiness and this just seemed like a natural thing for him to do," said Lt. Col. Jeffrey Stuart, Josh's father, of the 19th Special Forces. Josh distributed 400 flyers in his neighborhood asking for donations to be placed on their doorstep on a specific date and time. "I had quite a good response, but it was not as good as I wanted. I think everyone should be able to donate something for what our soldiers are doing over there," said Josh Stuart. Regardless of how much was collected, Lt. Col. Stuart was beaming with pride as his son made the delivery to the Family Assistance office. "I'm thankful of the fact that this gave him a better appreciation of what soldiers do. Kids need to understand and appreciate this service better and this helped my son to realize that he can do something to help, which is just great," said Lt. Col. Stuart.



Boy Scout, Josh Stuart, presenting donated items to MG Tarbet

Photos by SFC Greg Cullis

Utah Suits Up to Fight Terrorism

By Spec. Todd Sparks 128th MPAD

Terrorists struck Hill Air Force Base on July 12, 2003 as an explosive device rocked a residential building and engulfed its occupants in smoke and fumes. Utah's elite emergency response team, the 85th Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team (WMD CST), was there to rescue the injured, assess the threat and advise civilian emergency responders.

Though this was only a training exercise, the soldiers and airmen of the 85th WMD CST prepared quickly and professionally. The unit worked together closely as they helped each other strap on the heavy breathing apparatuses, pull on the thick boots and double check their chemical suits.



Staff Sgt. Cynthia Bentley, 151st CSE Utah Air Guard, puts on her chemical suit before entering contaminated building



Photos by Spec. Scott Faddis, 128th MPAD

Master Sgt. Greg Stewart and Tech, Sgt. Charlotte Clark, both members of the 151st CSE, Utah Air Guard, walk toward contaminated building

The team's airtight suits are designed to let no air in, but they also keep the soldier's body heat in. According to Senior Airman Thunder Heard of the 151st Civil Support Engineers, after being in the suit a few minutes, the temperature rises another 10 degrees by the end of the exercise; rescue team members were drenched in sweat.

The incident commander, Master Sgt. Joe Shern briefed the unit on a realistic and difficult scenario. According to Shern, the local fire department had responded to the explosion, but there had been no communication from the firefighters since they entered the building. It was up to the 85th to investigate and perform a rescue. Within minutes, the rescue team located and evacuated all of the casualties to the decontamination site. The detection team then located the chemical threats, and the survey team prepared to collect samples for analysis.

This type of exercise represents the kind of tough and realistic training that is typical for the 85th. Sgt. Mike Brusik, survey team member, explained that unit

members commit a great deal of time to the unit. "If you're only looking for two days a month, this isn't the unit for you," said Sgt. Brusik. In order to stay proficient in their fields, members attend specialty schools and train with various local, state and national emergency responders. Most members have civilian Hazmat certifications and fire fighting credentials as well.

The 85th WMD CST is unique in more ways than one. It is one of only a handful of such chemical/biological rapid response teams in the National Guard and has the unusual distinction of being an Army unit augmented with Air Force personnel. The 85th conducts a major exercise like this at least four times a year. "It's important for us to get together in training because the Army trains one way and the Air Force trains another," said Shern.

By the end of the exercise, it was clear that the 85th could merge seamlessly and get the job done. "I believe that when the real stuff happens, the team will mesh well," said Tech. Sgt. Joseph Johnston, Operations Sergeant.

Utah Guard Performs Community Outreach

ANG members help Navaho School with computer assistance

By Lt. Col. David Thomas

Located in a small hamlet of about 50 small homes, half of which are empty, the T'is Nazbas Community School is a beacon of hope for the Navaho Reservation and a community outreach program for the Utah Air National Guard.

The school is a part of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) school system and administrated jointly by the federal government and the tribal council. It is located in the Four Corners Monument Area, in a town that is just a wide spot in the road. The business area of the town consists of two gas stations, convenience stores, and a small trading post.

The cinderblock school was built

in the 1950's and originally was a boarding school for kindergarten through ninth grade. Today, they still board a few students who live in outlying regions, but only during the week.

The BIA sponsored schools are eligible to receive excess government computers under a federal program. All they have to do is ask the entity that has control of the equipment.

Mr. Pat Baxstrom, the school's technology coordinator, has the system figured out. Since his first request for excess computers four years ago, he has received hundreds of outdated government computers.

Baxstrom's biggest problem is that he is a one-man shop. In addition to being the school's shop teacher, he



Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Burke Baker

Master Sgt. William Ferguson, 299th RCS, moves computers down the school hallway

works as the LAN administrator also.

That is where the Utah ANG is able to help. For the last three years, the Air Guard has assisted in refurbishing and loading software on the schools computers.

During the latest trip, July 20th to the 26th, about 130 Micron Pentium computers were renovated by replacing hard drives, RAM memory, CD readers and floppy drive; anything that did not work properly. The computers were donated by Peterson AFB, Colo., and included about 20 that could be used for spare parts.

All of the computers in the classroom were upgraded to the newer computers and standardized. In the past, the school had a hodge-podge of older computers mixed randomly in the



Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Burke Baker

Staff Sgt. Michelle Thompson, 299th RCS helps Mr. Pat Baxstrom with a computer at the T'is Nazbas School.



Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Burke Baker

Tech. Sgt. Dean Peterson, Comm Flight, shows Staff Sgt. Lois Heber, 299th RCS, how to connect a hard drive to a computer.

classrooms. It was difficult to standardize the programs due to the different configurations on each computer.

The Air Guard members were also able to correct many of the network server problems that had plagued the school. They were also able to set up a "ghosting" program to image the computer hard drives to standardize the software.

The closest town to the school was Cortez, Colo., about 50 miles east. The trip to the school through dry, desolate country took an hour each way.

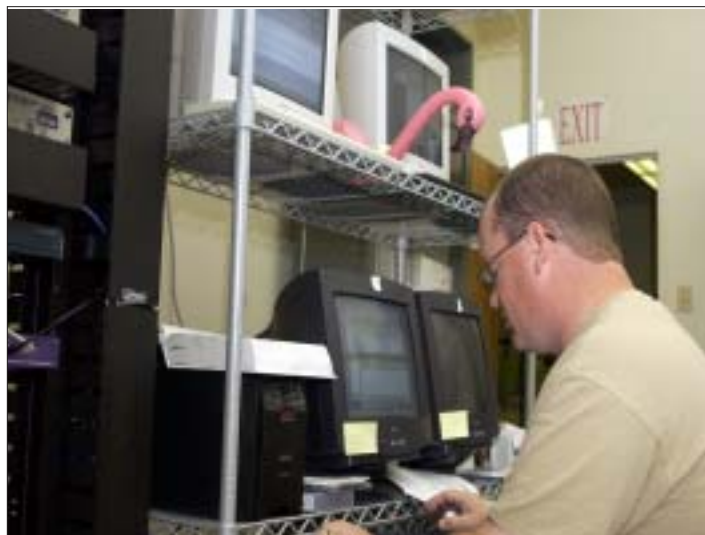
Twelve Utah ANG members went on this trip, six from 299th Range Control Squadron, one from 130th Electronic

Installation Squadron, four from 151st Communications Flight and one from the 151st Air Refueling Wing Staff. 2nd Lt. Ron Vanleishout, Chief Master Sgt. Steve Mullins, Master Sgt. William Ferguson, William Weiss, Tech Sgt. Burke Baker, Larry Durant, Dean Peterson, Patricia Maakestad, Staff Sgt. Joe Zaelit, Michelle Thompson, Lois Heber, and Lt. Col. David Thomas.



Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Burke Baker

Chief Master Sgt. Steve Mullin, Comm Flight, works in the computer "bone yard" salvaging parts to repair other computers.



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2nd Lt. Ron Vanleishout, 130th EIS, works with one of the schools four servers to get it functioning properly.

"Pink Floyd" the Flamingo



Floyd is the unofficial mascot of the Utah ANG. He traveled to the T'iss NazbasLook for him in future articles and pictures. See if you can find him in the pictures above? (Hint: He is in there twice.)

Utah National Guard Highlighted in Cultural Resource Video

By Environmental Resources Management



Officers Club Main Visiting Room

The National Guard Bureau Environmental Programs Division is preparing a cultural resources video as a training tool to assist all states and territories with training for non-cultural resources staff. The video is intended to emphasize the proper management of historic structures and the importance of partnering with the Army National Guard facilities staff. National Guard Bureau specifically chose Utah in six states, including Florida, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, New York, and Utah, to highlight in the video because of each state's wealth of significant historical resources. The Camp W.G. Williams Officers Club and Historical Masonry Ditch were chosen for the video to present different aspects of cultural resource management as well as to showcase some of Utah's most significant historical features. In addition, the video focuses on Environmental Resources Management Geographic Information System (GIS) capabilities as part of the overall natural and cultural resource management plan. In July 2003, a film crew from the Visual Information Support Center, based in Smyrna, Tennessee, filmed the Officer's Club, Historical Masonry Ditch, and the

Geographic Information System facilities, and will produce the final video.

National Guard Bureau chose the Camp W.G. Williams Officers Club because of its unique architecture and history. The Officers Club, originally the Hostess House, was constructed in only five months under New Deal programs between 1934 and 1938. All stone, sand, and gravel used for construction were quarried from the Camp Williams Military Reservation and from the nearby Eva Alice Hartwell property. In total, over 300 tons of stone was used to construct the Period Revival/English Tudor building. The interior features a main visiting room with a large stone fireplace and chandeliers made from bayonets and sabers captured in the First World War. Local architects Edward O. Anderson and Lorenzo S. Young designed the building and local craftsman created the doors and electrical fixtures by hand. The building was originally used as a social hall and gathering place for mothers, wives, sisters, and "sweethearts" of the men stationed at Camp W.G. Williams.

In addition to the Officers Club, the Historical Masonry Ditch located throughout the Camp W.G. Williams cantonment area is a significant historical feature documented for the video. During the Great Depression, Utah suffered particularly extreme unemployment rates and poverty. To help alleviate the stresses of the Depression, the federal Works Progress Administration (WPA) accepted many project proposals from the Utah Guard to provide jobs to Utahans as well as to provide improvements to Utah military installations. In December of

1939, the design and plans for the first federally funded "curb and gutter" project was proposed to the WPA by the Utah Guard. A total of \$22,155 was appropriated towards the project. The WPA design detailed a rock-lined masonry ditch throughout the Camp W.G. Williams cantonment area to irrigate newly planted landscape vegetation. In addition, the masonry ditch was built to be more of an aesthetically pleasing structure than a military related improvement. To this day, the ditch represents a good example of the mortared rock workmanship done by the WPA.

The Utah Guard is progressive for its GIS capabilities as a part of its natural and cultural resource management programs. Environmental resource managers utilize GIS to spatially track identified historic, prehistoric, and natural resources and sites. Using GIS, military training missions may be more easily designed to avoid infringement, degradation, and destruction of important natural and cultural resources. In all, GIS helps to ensure environmental compliance with the law as well as to establish a balance between cultural resource preservation and environmentally sustainable training missions.



Photos provided by EMR

Historical Masonry Ditch

49th Annual Veterans' Day Concert November 11-12, 2003



The Utah National Guard will once again host the Annual Veterans' Day Concert on November 11th at the University of Utah's Huntsman Center starting at 7 p.m.

We will also host another concert the next day, November 12, for our friends in Northern Utah. The Northern Utah concert will be held at the Utah State University's Kent Concert Hall. Both concerts will feature the outstanding 23rd Army Band and choral support from the local schools.

These concerts are presented each year as an appreciation for the sacrifices veterans have made in our behalf and for their service and dedication to our great nation. Each year, as a way of honoring our service men and women, the concert music focuses on a particular wartime event or theme that is familiar to veterans of that era. The music is always lively, familiar and poignant - it is guaranteed to touch your heart.

Both of these concerts are free to the public and promise to be time well spent.

If you have questions about the concerts, feel free to contact Ms. Mary Beverly at 801-523-4455.

See you there!

Camp Williams Fire Spreads to Dry Fields

By Janelle Walker

BYU NewsNet Staff Writer

strong winds blew flames across roads in the fire's path.

Smoke filled the sky as the fire spread, creating a hazy cloud over Salt Lake and Utah Counties. "There is quite a bit of air pollution associated with fires," said Robert Dalley, manager of the Utah Air Monitoring Center. "Right now, there is a tremendous visual impact, but the winds are blowing enough to disperse the smoke throughout the air."

According to Joseph Miner, Executive Director of the Utah County Health Department, fire smoke is composed of mostly dust. The potential harm of the smoke depends upon what the fire burns, Miner said. "The immediate problem with smoke from fires is aggravation of existing problems and diseases individuals may have," Miner said.



Photos by 2nd Lt. Wencke Tate, 128th MPAD

Camp Williams fire spreading to dry fields

Fire crews battled to keep flames from spreading to the south end of Utah Valley after a fire broke out at Camp Williams just after 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 8. The fire started when contractors, who were doing welding to repair work on a rappelling tower, dropped sparks into the dry fields below. Flames moved rapidly away from the buildings at Camp Williams and into the surrounding wild land.

Bluffdale fire crews were the first to arrive on the scene and soon called for reinforcement crews from Salt Lake and Utah Counties. Inter-county fire crews, two helicopters and an air tanker battled the fires, trying to gain control as flames spread through the foothills. "Hot, dry conditions, low humidity, high temperatures and dry grasses are all factors in making this a fast-moving fire," said Jay Ziolkowski, Public Relations Officer for the Salt Lake County Fire Department.

Ziolkowski said the fire was far from under control as high winds continued to push the flames further south. He estimated the brush fire had

already consumed 200 to 300 acres of land. "Winds in the area were very strong," Ziolkowski said. "I estimate them to be at least 15 to 20 miles per hour." Crews hoped roads in the area would prove to be natural barriers for the fire, Ziolkowski said. However,



Camp Williams personnel and local fire fighters keep eyes on fire

Are you ready to take the next step in your military career?

Consider Officer Candidate School (OCS)



State OCS trains officer candidates to become future leaders in the Utah Army National Guard. If you've always wanted to develop your leadership skills and take on more responsibility, you should consider becoming an officer. If you like to lead soldiers, plan and organize projects and missions, and don't shy away from challenges and difficulties, you may become a successful officer candidate.

The state OCS program is conducted at Camp Williams, Utah, and offers candidates a choice of the traditional and an accelerated program. The traditional program meets one drill weekend a month and requires attendance at two 2-week summer sessions (one each year). The

accelerated program, called "FAST TRACK" takes only five months to complete and involves a 9-week active duty session.

You must have the following qualifications to apply for OCS:

- Be at least 18 years old. If you're between the ages of 30 and 38, you will require an age waiver, but don't let that keep you from applying.
- Have a minimum score of 110 in GT on the ASVAB test.
- Have a minimum of 60 semester hours college credit for traditional OCS program and a minimum of 90 hours for FAST TRACK. An ACT/SAT test score is required if you do not have a Bachelors Degree.

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I am interested in the Utah Army National Guard OCS Program.

Name: _____ Home phone: _____
 Address: _____ Work phone: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____ Cell phone: _____
 Email address: _____

Unit I am currently assigned to: _____

- Pass an AR 40-501 Chapter 2 physical examination prior to the first day of school attendance or receive waiver(s) for disqualifying conditions from NGB-ARS.

- Meet the height/weight standards as per AR 600-9 and pass an APFT.

- Have at least an Interim SECRET clearance.

- Have sufficient time remaining on your current enlistment contract or extend the contract to complete the course. For commissioning, applicants must be able to complete 20 years of creditable service (may be waived by TAG).

- Be recommended in writing by your company and battalion commanders.

If you believe you qualify and are interested in applying for the program, please submit the form below to:

Commander 640th RTI OCS
 17800 Camp Williams Road
 Riverton, Utah 84065-4999

An OCS representative will contact you to assist you in completing your packet.

To contact OCS, call the 640th RTI OCS at 801-302-5054. or, visit our web site at: http://www.ut.ngb.army.mil/ut640rti/2_Battalion/ocs/Default.htm

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New State Tuition Waiver Program for Utah National Guard Members

The Utah State Legislature passed Senate Bill 109 in January 2003. This bill replaced the old Utah State Tuition Assistance Program with a new Utah State Tuition Waiver Program. This Bill requires the President of each state college and university to set aside 2 1/2% of their total school scholarships for members of the Utah National Guard. These tuition waivers will pay 100% of the full-time tuition cost for the school year (two semesters).

Applications will be available at the Education Offices (air or army) or can be down loaded from the following web site beginning February 1, 2004: www.ut.ngb.army.mil/education2. To apply for a tuition waiver, Guard members will submit their applications to the appropriate education office by close of business (COB) on March 18, 2004 for the 2004/2005 school year.

There were 147 waivers awarded for the 2003-2004 school year.

DID YOU KNOW...

You May Not be Using all the Benefits You are Entitled

This article will help to explain some of the benefits that soldiers have available to them as members of the Utah Army National Guard.

EDUCATION ASSISTANCE

Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB)

MOS-qualified soldiers can extend for the Montgomery GI Bill if they have not previously enlisted or extended in the Reserve/Guard for a 6-year contract. (Must extend to have six years remaining on their contract.) The MGIB is currently paying \$276.00 (tax-free) per month for a full-time student and is prorated for a part-time student. It can be used for 36 months as a full-time student and the current total is \$9936.00

Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) Kicker

Many soldiers have the MGIB, but can also extend for the MGIB Kicker. This will pay an additional \$200.00 (tax-free) per month for a full-time student beyond the \$276.00 for the MGIB (\$476.00 total). The eligibility requirements include being eligible for the MGIB basic benefit, in grade E-5 or below, have at least three years in the ARNG, MOS-qualified, and be in a designated unit and critical skill. Soldier must be the primary slot holder for their position.

Soldiers can extend at any time for the Montgomery GI Bill Kicker and must extend to have six years remaining on their contract. Soldiers in an officer training program (OCS, WOC or ROTC) are eligible for \$350.00 per month with the MGIB Kicker.

Federal Tuition Assistance

This program will pay up to 75% of tuition cost (max 12 semester hours per year). There are some restrictions to this program and some caps on the amount paid per semester hour. It is also based upon funding availability. Soldiers with MGIB benefits can only apply for Federal TA for credit hours taken above the full time rate.

Application for Federal Tuition Assistance, DA Form 2171 can be down loaded from the Utah Army National Guard Education Homepage at www.ut.ngb.army.mil/education/htm.

State Tuition Waiver Program

The Utah National Guard Tuition Waiver Program provides tuition waivers that pay 100% of tuition at the following public colleges/universities within the State of Utah.

College of Eastern Utah	Dixie State College
Salt Lake Community College	Snow College
Southern Utah University	University of Utah
Utah State University	Utah Valley State College
Weber State College	

Senate Bill 109 requires the President of each school to set aside 2 1/2 % of the instate scholarships he/she authorizes each school year for members of the Utah National Guard.

A tuition waiver will pay all tuition associated with full-time attendance (12 to 18 semester hours per term) for both the Fall & Spring Semester (does not pay for school fees or books).

Waivers are only good for students pursuing undergraduate degrees, graduate students are not eligible to receive tuition waivers.

Application for the State Tuition Wavier Program must be submitted to the Utah Army National Guard Education Officer. For more information visit: www.ut.ngb.army.mil/education/htm

Education Support Center

Some of these tests include the CLEP, GRE, GMAT, etc. These tests are administered at the Army Education Support Center in Salt Lake City, UT. (801-736-4242). In addition to the service member, the spouse may also receive services.

College Credits

Often college credit can be awarded for military training through the AARTS program (Army/American Council on Education Registry Transcript). Soldiers may request a free transcript online: <https://aarts.leavenworth.army.mil>

Distance Learning

For those soldiers unable to attend formal classes and need alternatives to fulfill degree requirements, the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) Distance Learning program provides a wide range of nontraditional education programs. For more information on this program, visit www.dantes.doded.mil and follow the links to Distance Learning Programs or discuss this program with your unit admin NCO. Other good references are the 2003 National Guard Almanac or the Utah Army National Guard Education Brochure.

Computer Based Training (CBT)

Members of the ARNG are eligible to enroll in a computer based training program that has over 490 courses available on-line. These courses include Microsoft Office applications, Windows applications, etc. Information can be obtained via the Army Knowledge On-line homepage at www.us.army.mil.

RE-ENLISTMENT BONUSES

Three-Year Re-enlistment Bonus

First three-year re-enlistment bonus is \$2500.00 (Pays \$1250.00 initially and \$1250.00 at end of third year.) Second three-year bonus is an additional \$2000.00 (Pays \$1000.00 initially and \$1000.00 at end of third year.) A soldier must have less than 14 years of service to be eligible for the re-enlistment bonus. Soldier must be the primary slot holder for their position.

Six-Year Re-enlistment Bonus

This bonus will pay \$5000. (Pays \$2000.00 initially and \$3000.00 on 4th year anniversary.) This bonus cannot be received if a three-year re-enlistment bonus has been received. A soldier must have less than 14 years of service to be eligible for the re-enlistment bonus. Soldier must be the primary slot holder for their position.

Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)

MOS-qualified soldiers can extend at any time for the SLRP. They must extend to have six years remaining on their contract. The eligibility requirements include being MOS-qualified and have at least three years in the ARNG. Only federally subsidized student loans that the soldier has at the time of extension are eligible for repayment. The SLRP pays at least \$500.00 per year or 15% on a \$10,000.00 balance. The SLRP is only authorized once in a career. Soldier must be the primary slot holder for their position.

MISCELLANEOUS BENEFITS

Commissioning Programs: Direct Appointment, Warrant Officer, and Officer Candidate, and Army ROTC

Simultaneous Membership Program for college ROTC students

Commissary and Post Exchange privileges (Average 30% savings at Commissary)

Space available travel (Air National Guard: 245-2415 or Hill Air Force Base: 801-777-2887 or 4247)

VA home loans (After six years of service)

Free legal assistance for wills, powers of attorney, etc

Tax Deductions for military related expenses

Dental insurance (\$8.14 per month for basic dental coverage)

\$250,000.00 Life Insurance (SGLI) for only \$16.00 per month

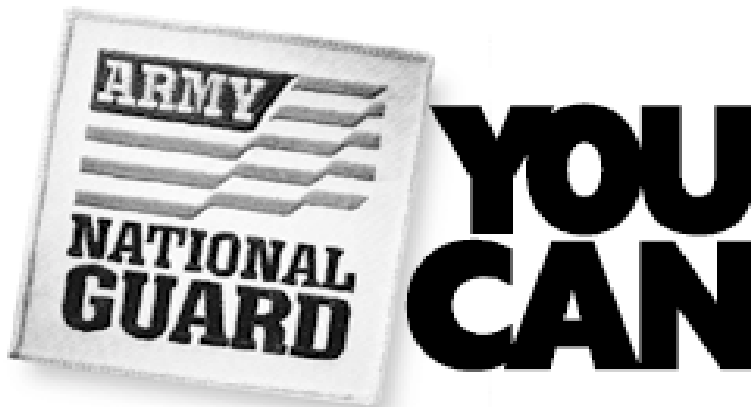
Non-Contributory Retirement, Example: An E-7 who retired with 20 years (only ARNG service) and turned age 60 in the year 2003 would receive approximately \$325.00 per month for the rest of his/her life.)

National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve representative assistance

Family Support Programs

National Guard Officer and Enlisted Associations

Contact your unit Recruiting and Retention NCO for more detailed information or check out the Virtual Armory website at www.virtualarmory.com



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